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Quick LOOK

Library services decrease during Spring break

The Owens Library will not be able to offer the services of SearchBank, EBSCOhost, the library catalog and library web pages from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. March 27 because of preventive maintenance by the computing services department.

Board of Regents meet, discuss handicap shuttle

The Regents heard a report from support services on the purchase of a new shuttle bus by the campus transportation department. The new bus was purchased from the Michigan Department of Transportation and is handicap accessible.

The Regents were also presented with a report on the progress of renovations and possible future renovations.

Ray Courter, vice president of finance, said the University will likely have to bring in modular classrooms when Garrett-Strong goes off-line for renovations.

The modular classrooms would be a long-term addition to the campus if the Fine Arts Building undergoes renovations as currently planned.

Principals answer calls about child education

Carole Edmonds, Horace Mann Lab School principal, will team up with 150 other principals and psychologists to answer parents' questions via phone regarding their children's education.

The event will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. from Sunday to Tuesday. For more information call 1-800-944-1601.

Students' act of silence acknowledges sexuality

Northwest's Gay and Straight Alliance, GALTAN, is organizing and sponsoring a National Day of Silence April 7 for Northwest students and Maryville residents.

The day was planned to protest the oppression forced upon gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the world.

The Day of Silence will last eight hours. Students who participate will be given a card to indicate their reason for being silent.

For information contact Ryan Gove, resident hall director, at 562-5023.

Student senator resigns, another is appointed

Student Senate approved the Northwest Missouri State University Roller Hockey Club as an official organization Tuesday.

Off-campus representative Karen Barnmann resigned, citing lack of time as her reason.

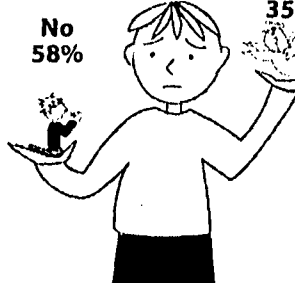
The junior class representative position, which was left open when Justin Englehardt resigned last week, was filled by T. R. Hoefle and Stacy Rushton was approved as an associate member.

Would you turn in a fellow student for cheating?

No Opinion 7%

Yes 35%

No 58%



To participate in next week's survey go to: www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian

Kaori Nagai/Graphics Editor

2 students find metal in campus food

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

A piece of metal in a cheese stick from Tower Grille was eaten by a Northwest student two weeks ago.

Josh Skidmore, zoology major, said he swallowed the metal without knowing it and ended up vomiting after trying to get a piece of it removed from his throat.

Brad Goodrich, undecided major, said he also found metal in a meatball sandwich he purchased at the Cat's Food Court in the Student Union three weeks ago.

Skidmore and Goodrich both said after they reported the problem to ARAMARK supervisors, the remaining cheese sticks and meatballs were not removed.

Barry Beacom, campus dining

director, said the cheese sticks had been sold already so they didn't need to be removed and the meatballs were not removed either.

Both students reported the incidents to supervisors at the dining facilities. However, they were not contacted after the incident by Northwest's food provider, who Skidmore said should have shown more concern.

"More than anything that bothered me is that they didn't take any action," Skidmore said. "They weren't courteous, they weren't nice, and it was kind of like they just dusted me off."

Beacom said he intended to follow up with Skidmore as soon as he heard back from the manufacturer of the cheese sticks.

"None of us have contacted him

yet because they're still researching the problem," Beacom said. "As soon as we find out from this we can give him some closure."

After Skidmore discovered the metal he reported it to Connie Callow, a campus dining supervisor, who said the incident was dealt with in a professional manner.

"My first concern is to make sure they are OK and whether there was anything wrong physically," Callow said. "I truly believe that he was OK."

Beacom said an extreme amount of care is taken by campus dining employees when preparing food to avoid situations such as these.

"The employees are very proud with what they do," Beacom said. "They take ownership in what they do; especially the full-timers. They take pride in what they do and what

they put out. They want it to be the best. They're health conscious. They're safety conscious."

Skidmore did not suffer any permanent damage from the metal he consumed, but he said now he does not think the food on campus is safe.

"I don't know where the metal came from, but it shouldn't have been there," Skidmore said. "Not only is the food quality bad, but now it's dangerous too."

According to Kelly Zimmerman, cash operations manager for dining services, the food is not dangerous. He said these are the only times this trimester where anything like this was reported. More than 112,000 cheese sticks and 14,000 meatballs have been served to students this trimester he said.

Beacom said because the piece of

metal was inside the cheese stick the problem falls with the manufacturer. But Beacom did attribute the metal found in the meatballs to a can opener which did not have properly sharpened blades. The can opener was used to open the container of sauce used on the meatballs.

Zimmerman said as soon as the metal was found in the meatballs both the blades and gears were changed on the can opener to prevent metal from falling into food again.

"There is no way for us to know that it is worn out until we discover it as we are opening a can," Zimmerman said. "You can't look at a gear and say it's shot."

Beacom said when ever a student finds a objects such as metal in food it should be immediately reported.

Beer bash



As in years past, the Miller Lite truck is a favorite among parade goers who like to pound on its sides as it drives by. As the truck approached, the crowd went wild with excitement. Another annual tradition of St. Patrick's Day is the wet T-shirt

contest which takes place at The Palms after the parade. International student Satoshi Tanihata said, "Today is very interesting. American people are very crazy and they know how to have good festivals."

Dave Koppelman/Missourian Photographer

Man may alter not-guilty plea

by Lindsey Corey
Managing Editor

A former Northwest student may change his plea to guilty in the October 1997 slaying of convenience store clerk Gracie Hixson.

Brian Campbell, 20, appeared in the Andrew County Circuit Court without representation Monday.

But circuit clerk Rose Lancey received a facsimile from Kansas City attorney Patrick Peters, requesting a continuance. Peters, Campbell's attorney, could not make the trip for his client's scheduled pre-trial hearing. However, the fax said, "the defendant has the intention to enter a plea of guilty."

The document is not a sufficient representation of Campbell's plea. If he chooses to, Campbell will need to officially change his plea in front of a judge, Lancey said.

When Peters did not arrive at the courthouse, Campbell's pre-trial hearing was postponed until April 19, the day before his jury trial is scheduled to begin. This would be the first chance for him to enter a new plea on charges of second-degree murder, armed criminal action and first-degree robbery.

If Campbell does plead guilty, a date will be set for his sentencing. Lancey said it would not be any sooner than June because of a presentence investigation order.



■ Brian Campbell

...may change not guilty plea...

April ballot to determine Proposition B

Concealed weapons to be debated issue in next election

by Laurie Den Ouden
Community News Editor

Missouri voters will go to the polls April 6 to decide the fate of Proposition B, which would legalize carrying concealed weapons.

According to current Missouri law, citizens can have a gun in their home, or car. They can even carry it in public, but can not have it concealed in any of those places.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said the Public Safety department, as a whole, has not taken a stand on Proposition B, but he opposes the bill.

"I'm not in favor of the potential of putting more guns on the streets than we already have," he said.

Both Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey and Nodaway County prosecuting attorney David Baird declined to comment on the proposition saying it is their policy not to take a side when a bill is put to the vote of the people.

"Since they put it up to a vote, I'll let the people decide and I'll go with what they decide," Espey said.

Baird said the law enforcement agents will have to carry out the laws no matter how they feel about the law personally.

Wood said the proposition does not discourage others to not use

Facts on Concealed Weapons

Missourians will vote April 6 on a proposed concealed weapons law.

You can apply for a permit if:

- You are 21 or older.
- You are a U.S. citizen and a Missouri resident for six months.
- You have not been convicted of a felony.
- You have not committed a misdemeanor involving explosives or firearms.
- You are not known as a habitual drunk or drug user.
- You are not currently mentally incompetent or mentally ill.
- You have not shown violent behavior in the past five years.

How to get a permit:

- Complete 12 hours of training.
- Apply to the sheriff in the county where you live. That office will conduct background inquiries to determine whether to grant a permit.
- Pay an \$80 fee for three-year permit. The renewal fee is \$35.

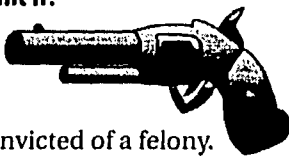
Where guns can't go:

- Schools, churches, polling places and government buildings.
- On any premises, owned by citizens, businesses or public bodies, where signs prohibiting hidden guns have been posted. Violators will be charged as trespassers. A third offense results in loss of permit.

Gun Statistics

- Fourteen states require no firearms training before obtaining a permit to weapons a concealed weapon.
- States that don't allow concealed carry: Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Wisconsin.

Source: The Kansas City Star



Kaori Nagai/ Graphics Editor

Students, faculty mourn loss of friend, confidant and peer

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

A Northwest student died Saturday in a car accident in Excelsior Springs on his way back to Maryville.

Adam Thomas Goff, freshman speech and theater education major, was rear-ended by a car traveling at a speed above 70 mph. Police said the man driving the car that hit Goff may have been in a seizure, which could have caused the accident.

Goff was born May 27, 1980, to Gregory and Suzanne Goff in Kalamazoo, Mich. Services are at 11 a.m. today at the Colonial Hills R.L.D.S. Church in Blue Springs.

Ryan Fouts, broadcasting major and Goffs' roommate in Dietrich Hall and friend since the fifth grade, gathered friends, faculty and students for a bell ringing Sunday night.

Fouts said Goff would have appreciated the support shown by Northwest students and faculty.

"He was really happy, I'm sure," Fouts said. "He had to have really appreciated looking down and seeing how many people showed up."

Charles Schultz, professor of communication and theater arts, said Goff will be missed by many.

"We will miss him tremendously," Schultz said. "He was a very nice person to be around and we are going to miss his spirit. We are all saddened at this loss. It was incredibly unfortunate because it was really no one's fault."

Fouts said Goff was an involved student on campus who appreciated the company of everyone at Northwest.

"He never judged anyone like a lot of people tend to do," Fouts said. "He was really good at seeing through the flaws of other people and seeing the real person. He always had a smile on his face and he was good at making other people smile even when they are not in the best mood. He is really open to everybody; he



■ Adam Goff

...student dies in accident...

doesn't know a stranger. He always put everybody else ahead of him."

Fouts also said Goff would want everyone to keep him in their memory without thinking about the fact that he is gone.

"He is the kind of guy that would want you to celebrate his life instead of his death," Fouts said.

Goff was involved in theater on campus and played parts in two lab series performances this semester: "Identity Crisis" and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You."

Fouts said his roommate was focused on his religion and involved in a number of extracurricular activities during high school at Blue Springs South.

Goff was a member of the National Forensics League, National Thespians Society and "Teen Tones," a contemporary Christian music group.

Fouts acknowledged the many things his friend had accomplished throughout his life and said he wants Goff to know how much he thinks of him.

"When I went and talked to his parents they told me what he thought of me and how highly he thought of me," Fouts said.

"I wish I could tell him how much of an influence he was on my life and how much I really admired him and looked up to him."

Goff's parents established the Adam Thomas Goff Performing Arts Scholarship for Northwest.

Donations to the fund can be sent to the Webb-Freer Funeral Home at 205 S. 17th St. Blue Springs 64015.

OUR VIEW

Food Service

ARAMARK fails to follow up on students finding metal in food

A couple of students at Northwest found metal in the food they purchased at the Student Union recently.

We realize that these types of things happen and acknowledge their causes in certain circumstances. However, the way the students claimed the incident was dealt with caused some concern in how ARAMARK handled those who discovered the metal in more ways than one.

The first of these scenarios included a student who sighted a piece of metal in his meatball sandwich. ARAMARK representatives said the metal came from a can that contained the sauce for the meatballs. The reason it was in the meat is because the can opener was not properly maintained. ARAMARK said the blades and gears in the device were worn down.

The second incident involved a student who swallowed a piece of metal that was in one of his cheese sticks. ARAMARK said the metal was inside the cheese stick and, therefore, the fault of the manufacturer.

The first student said he was told he would be reimbursed for the food, and then watched as the rest of the meatballs remained in the serving bin.

The student who swallowed the metal also saw the cheese sticks left in the serving area, but his concern runs a bit deeper. He gave his name and phone number to the supervisor and told them a piece was still caught in his throat. After being told he would be contacted by ARAMARK he left the building and, in trying to remove the metal, began to vomit. The metal was eventually dislodged from his throat after he returned home and self-induced vomiting once more. He said he was disgusted at the fact that it happened and was convinced he would never eat a cheese stick again.

Both students were told they would be contacted in order to follow up on their safety. They say they have still heard nothing from ARAMARK. ARAMARK, in its defense, said it was waiting for a response from the manufacturer of the food to call the student who ate the meatball.

However, this kind of behavior is irresponsible, inconsiderate and poor business practice.

Students pay very high prices for the food they consume at this University, and in return they expect quality. This quality should be not only in taste and safety, but customer service as well. In every business customers are considered a first priority, and we as students should expect nothing less from our University. For whatever reason an ARAMARK representative did not contact these two students the fact remains that the company should have been more considerate to its customers' needs.

MY VIEW

Communicating essential to success of departments



Laurie Den Ouden

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Northwest has good programs that serve students well. But there are also those that are unorganized, have problems making headway, and keeping students foremost. Recently, I had a bad experience on campus. I am setting up a trip to Mexico and must be assisted by the multicultural affairs department for applications and information. It seems to me that a department director should have basic knowledge of all areas. Only one graduate student knew where applications for study abroad were, how to fill them out, what needed to be taken care of before leaving and answers to my basic questions. I found this frustrating as well as unprofessional, because trying to catch the right person at the right time and coincide with my schedule became very difficult. I understand the department has gone through transitional phases in the past year — a new director, the loss of a secretary who had worked at the University for 12 years and the combination of two separate offices, multicultural affairs and international affairs. However, there has been ample time to train the staff and create consistency throughout the office. Another problem I experienced was a misleading scholarship application. It had a choice of several study abroad programs offered through the University when in reality there was only scholarship money for one of the

programs listed, not one I was participating in. However, only after a phone call inquiring about whether I had received the scholarship was I informed of this. All I would ask of any department is to admit to its mistakes, take responsibility without pointing fingers, apologize for the misinformation and try to be factual and honest in the future. Believe me, I understand how hard it can be to head up a program or activity, but an honest effort to constantly make things better must be present or progress will never be made.

For example, working as community news editor of *The Northwest Missourian* is no piece of cake. The people who work here often put in 30 or more hours a week working on the paper, not including school work or activities.

There is always an adjustment period with new positions and trying to balance many projects.

Stress levels are constantly on the rise, and you often feel like your being pulled in many directions. But if there is always an honest effort to make things better, slowly but surely it will get better.

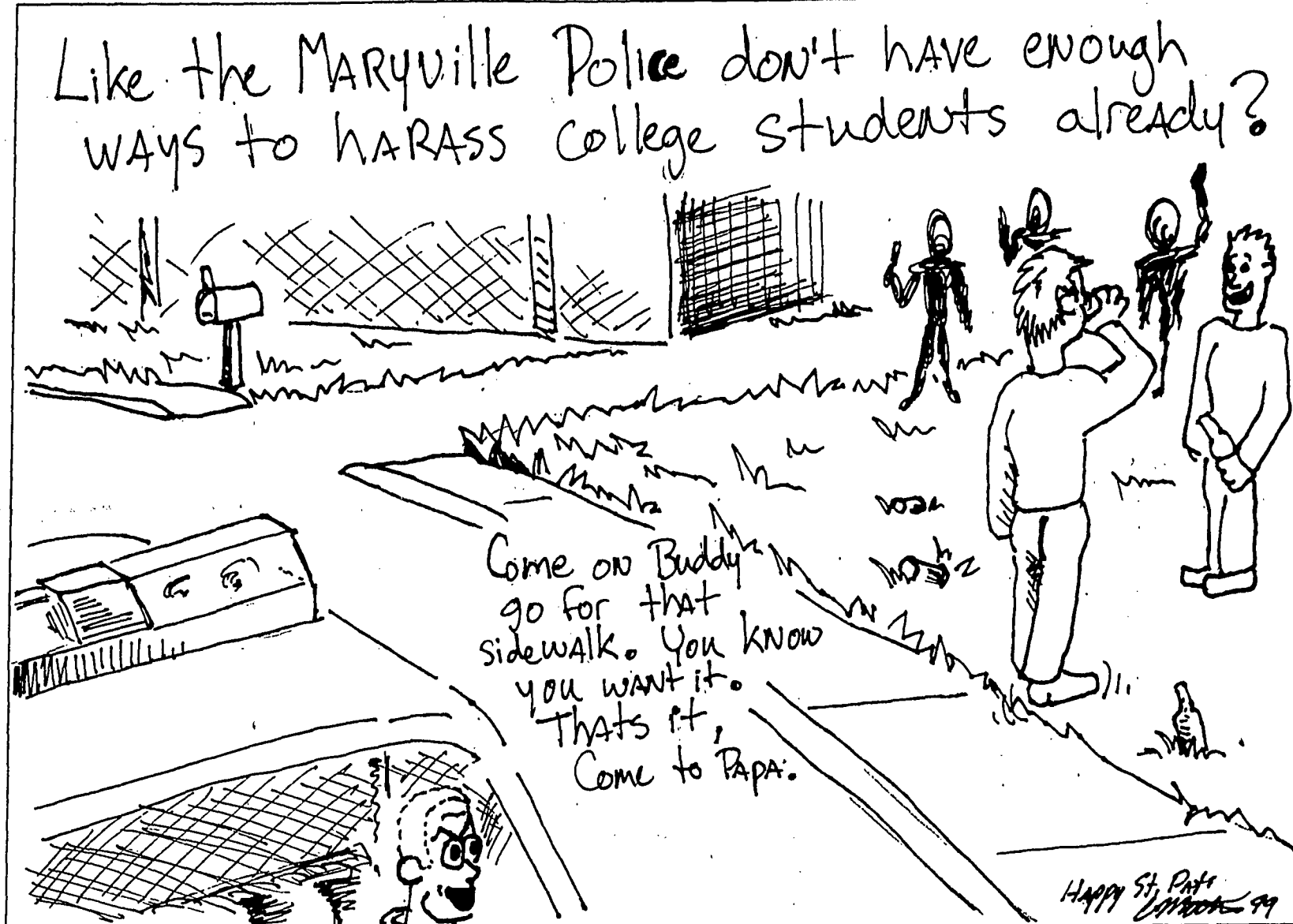
People always notice the bad more often than the good, but if someone is putting their best foot forward others will notice.

As soon as the director of a program decides there is only one way to do things and does not listen to those with suggestions and possibly more experience in the area, there are big problems.

There must be clear communication as well as respect between all parties. If this doesn't happen, how is anything to move forward?

Good ideas don't equal greatness. There must be good actions that follow.

Laurie Den Ouden is the community news editor of *The Northwest Missourian*.



MY VIEW

Student regrets shyness, hopes for second chance



Burton Taylor

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Secret to relationships begins with confidence, taking risks

I met a female a few weeks ago at a friend's house and while talking with her became interested in getting to know her more.

Yes, this is an everyday occurrence, as is the situation I am about to describe, but it has a twist.

We only talked briefly, as you would with anyone when you are first introduced, but I really took a liking to this individual. We then went to the bar and continued conversation and eventually danced with a group of friends.

She was really the type of girl I picture myself with when I imagine being in a relationship. She appeared to be very intelligent, with the intent of going to medical school. Her hair was long and dark, with a bit of a curl to it. Her smile was definitely the most pleasing feature about her. I felt comfortable with her just because of it.

Everything looks great so far, huh? Well, being that this was the first time I had met her and it was on a first name basis, I could not meet with her again unless I let her know that I was interested. If I ever wanted to see this girl again, I had to act and quickly.

The night came to an end and just as I was about to ask her about meeting again something happened. I don't know how or why it occurred, but it did. However, I do know it happens to the best of us

when we are under pressure. I choked. I don't know exactly why, but it happened. Unfortunately, I have not been granted a second chance to tell her because I have not bumped into her since we first met. This is the weird part because really, how many times do you meet someone and then never see them again? It really makes me wonder if the entire evening was a dream.

Yes, I will be all right, though I will just have to keep my eyes peeled in hopes of running into her again. It is not constantly on my mind, but from time to time I recall the evening and how I wish I would have had the gall to ask.

At first I did not want to write this column fearing the embarrassment and the friends who would find it an easy target. But as I thought about it, I realized that undoubtedly this scenario has to have happened to others. Who knows, it could have happened to her the same night and she could be to blame for us not meeting again. It is doubtful, but at the same time possible.

My hope is to convince maybe a few of you, and myself, that these things do not have to happen. We buck up and do something about it before our chance has passed.

Burton Taylor is the university news editor of *The Northwest Missourian*.

IT'S YOUR TURN

How would you rate the quality and service of campus dining?



"The cuisine available is nothing short of mouth watering. I eat lunch daily with professors Lamer, Nothstine, and Kramer. Often they will giddily tease me about salivation before I ever arrive. Two words: Heavenly fair."

Joe Blaney, assistant professor of mass communication



"The food is all right and the service is good, but they could have more of a variety."

Katie Miranda, pre-med major



"They have a wide variety of food and the service is acceptable considering the construction."

Holly Stevens, elementary education major



"They do have a good variety, but the service is slow...ITZA!"

Dave Szyhowski, psychology major



"The new pizza sauce at Itza really sucks. Plus I could go to McDonalds and get better food for less money."

Nathan Sleyster, psychology major



"The food is not bad, but the prices are kinda high. Other than that it's fine with me."

Marlon Morris, psychology major

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student mourns loss, confident friend is in better place

Dear Editor,
In the movie "Braveheart" William Wallace speaks, "Every man dies. Not every man really lives."

Adam is an example of a young man who really knew what it was like to live. Everywhere he went his face shined with joy.

One thing that I'll really miss about Adam is his smile. No matter how bad of a mood I was in, his sense of humor and his smile could brighten up the moment. Even through the toughest of situations, he could find the positive.

I know it's hard not to mourn the death of such a magnificent person, but if he could speak to us now I know that he would like us to celebrate his life rather than mourn his death. For this reason I would prefer to share the moments in his life that made him loved by so many people rather than wallow in the sadness.

I have been close friends with Adam since the fifth grade. In the past several months, however, I have grown closer to him than ever before.

As a roommate, we had our petty arguments and these are some of the memories which I hold closest to my heart. It may seem ironic, but it was those moments which we had most of our laughs.

For example, Adam and I had a standing issue involving the trash cans in our room. We used to let the trash pile up high above the top of the trash cans until one of us would give in and take it to the trash room. Of course, Adam won out most of the time and I ended up taking out the trash.

On a couple of occasions he would sneak into an adjacent stall while I was taking a shower and he would take the detachable nozzle off and spray me over the curtain with cold water. Once he even tried to sneak out of the shower room with my towel, but I caught him.

It would be wrong, however, to say that I didn't pull my share of innocent pranks on him as well.

Adam and I had lots of fun together in high school and before as well. One night during our high school years he came over to my house to spend the night and our furnace broke. Adam and I froze the whole night regardless of the hundreds of blankets we piled on top of us.

For a senior prank, Adam and I went to the bus barn in Blue Springs and decided to chain all the gates up so the buses would be delayed for school the next day.

One moment which I will hold closer to my heart than most is our high school graduation. Adam and I chose to walk together at graduation. I can still picture him in his blue robe walking along side me as we walked into the auditorium.

I know that if you knew Adam you have amazing memories. Though he only lived to the age of 18, he was able to touch more people in his life than many ever do.

One thing about Adam is that he never judged anyone. He didn't care about appearance, race or sexual orientation. He could see past the insignificant details and could see a person for who they really are. This aspect of

his personality was shown beautifully in a poem he wrote:

*Ask Me if it's True
You mirror lies,
ignore it.*

*If you would know
How beautiful you
are come...*

*stand before me
startled,
by your image
reflected
in my love.*

After I first heard about Adam's death, I cried for hours. I tried to sleep but it took even more hours before I was able to do so. When I finally got to sleep, I saw Adam in a dream. He said, "I know I'm not there with you now, but I am alive." I awakened with tears knowing that he went to be with his father in heaven.

Before he left for the church reunion in which the accident occurred on his way back to school from, he wrote two words on his dry-erase board. Those two words are, "Went home." Adam did go home to a better place to be with his Lord whom he loved very much. I know that one day I will meet Adam again.

Until then, I live with his memory living inside of me. I wish I had a chance to tell him good-bye and tell him how much I really respect him, look up to him and love him. I would give anything to look him in the eye one last time and give him a hug good-bye. I know, however, that he's looking down on all of us now. I can picture a big smile across his face as he sees how many people were touched by his life.

Ryan Fouts, broadcasting major

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KDLX looks to air waves

■ Campus radio station receives permission from Regents to apply for license

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Campus radio station KDLX will soon be applying for a low-power FM frequency license from the Federal Communications Commission, which governs the use of air waves.

The application proposal was approved by the Board of Regents during its meeting Wednesday.

The license would allow the campus radio station to broadcast over the air instead of its current method of broadcasting over Classic Cable's channel 9.

The application will be made possible if proposed changes in FCC rules are approved. The issue is open for public comment until April 12 and the FCC will reply to those comments on May 12.

Niki Fuller, KDLX news director, said the new system will help increase listenership. It will also allow the station to reach a larger audience, including people in their cars and those without cable service.

Joe Blaney, assistant professor of mass communication and KDLX adviser, said the license would improve the quality of education students receive.

With use of the air waves, students will gain experience with equipment and methods used by professionals.

"I think this is a key component

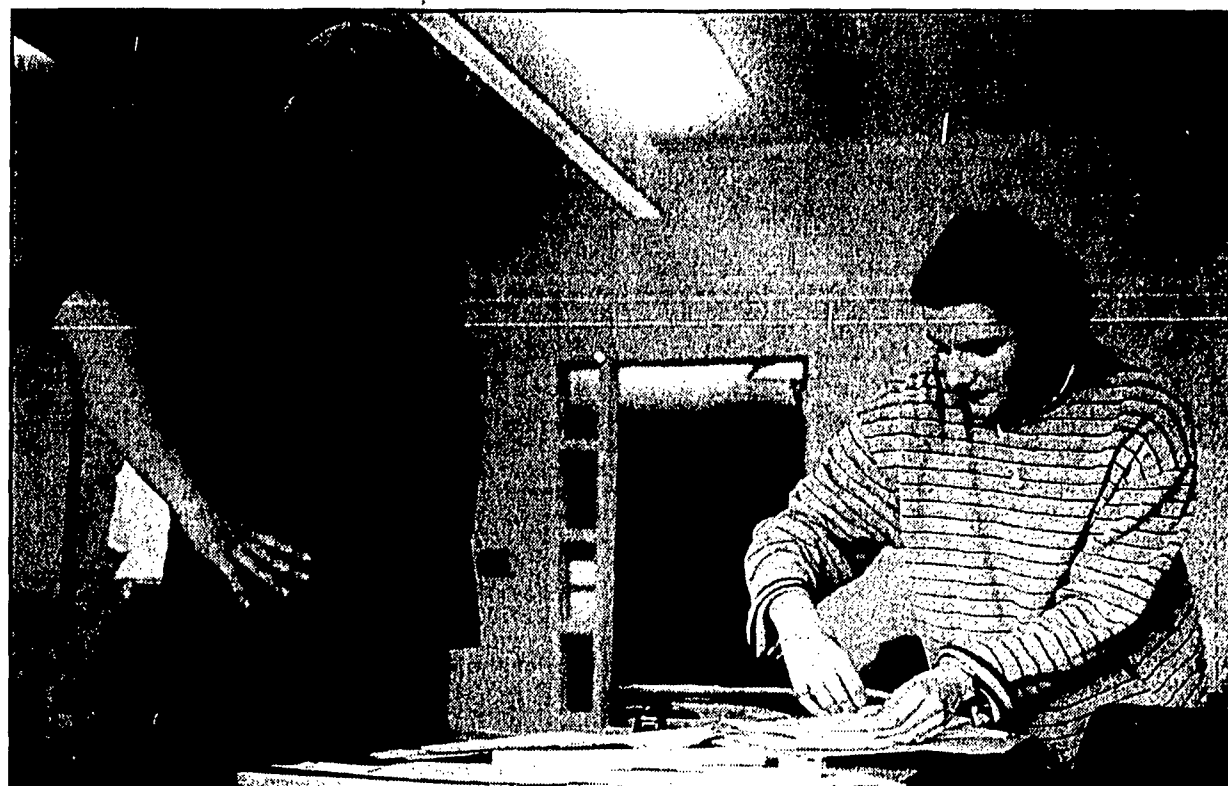
in our department's quest for quality mass communications instruction," Blaney said.

However, a problem could arise regarding the University's eligibility for the low-power license, because Northwest's Board of Regents owns the license for KXCV Radio. The FCC may not allow it to apply for the low-power license, Blaney said.

Fuller said there is a better chance of the station getting a license now since the FCC is proposing changes in its rules.

She said the University had little chance of getting an FCC license before the rule changes were proposed.

The application will be made over the Internet as soon as the FCC makes a decision on the changes, Blaney said.



Senior Gina Heady helps junior Andrew Gaddis with his taxes Tuesday. The student-run tax preparation program is sponsored by the Northwest Accounting Society. Students

preparing the taxes had to pass a test conducted by the Internal Revenue Service before they were eligible to help with the event. The service will be available until April 15.

Health Services endures epidemic

by Blake Drehe
Chief Reporter

It has been a busy trimester for Health Services with this years flu epidemic lasting longer and affecting more people, than in recent years.

Joyce Bottorff, nurse coordinator, said the staff, which consists of eight nurses, one women's nurse practitioner and one medical doctor, works hard helping students with health problems they have.

"We feel that we get along nice with the amount of staff we have right now because everybody works hard in helping students get better," Bottorff said. "It would be nice to have some more people on staff if the budget would allow it, but we work pretty good with what we have."

Students who schedule appointments are usually handled that day or the next depending on how busy things are. The average waiting time, at Health Services to see a nurse is six to eight minutes, while the waiting time for the doctor is 12 to 15 minutes. The time spent all together in the office is between 40 to 45 minutes, according to Health Services records.

Having to wait longer occurs in the Health Service because some students call for treatment of a common illness when really they have a

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■ Joyce Bottorff, nurse coordinator

different ailment and questions that need to be dealt with, Bottorff said.

"There are a lot of cases of students coming in with a simple problem like a sore throat, and in reality it may not be a sore throat. Because of their embarrassment, it may turn out to be a sexually transmitted disease," she said. "This makes the appointment longer because the doctor helps the patient with this problem, leaving others having to wait longer."

Having one doctor at Northwest may not seem to be enough assistance for everybody that is ill, but Gerald Wilmes, does help the sick everyday.

"I have worked here for 8 years and there are times I feel I need help, but we work hard as a staff in helping people who are sick," Wilmes said. "During the flu epidemic we were understaffed because of the

amount of people that come in, but because it is short term undermanning, we are unable to call in other doctors."

Some universities have doctors visit several times a week to assist patients, unlike Northwest which employs a full-time doctor, Wilmes said.

"There are schools who have doctors come in several days during the week to help those who are sick, but I don't think that is very wise because students have to schedule around their days to see a doctor," Wilmes said. Other universities with more than one doctor working full time also apply a service fee to a; enrolled students, Wilmes said.

"Different schools who have numerous doctors have a health fee put on the student's enrollment even if the student chooses not to visit their Health Services."

Students prepare taxes

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

More than a dozen students from the Accounting Society are volunteering their time to prepare taxes for their peers and low income Maryville residents.

The free service will be offered through April 15.

"It provides the community with a service it wouldn't normally have without paying for it," said Roger Woods, accounting, finance and economics assistant professor.

Students preparing taxes as part of the program are required to take the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance exam, given by the Internal Revenue Service. Upon passing the test, students are officially authorized by the IRS to prepare taxes.

After a student prepares a client's tax return, it is reviewed by another student before a final review by Woods.

The program eases the complications students face when preparing

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their taxes.

Woods said one of the biggest problems which students commonly encounter when doing their own taxes is that they have incomes from multiple states. The student tax preparers have the forms and training to handle all state and federal taxes to alleviate this problem, he said.

Another problem occurs when figuring in taxable scholarships and tax credits for education, Woods said.

For the past three years, accounting students taking part in the program have had the opportunity to take it as a one, two or three hour independent study course. Woods said this was necessary because the volume of tax returns being prepared each year has grown to a point where more students are needed.

The program was already in service at Northwest prior to 1985. At that time, the students prepared about 20 to 30 tax returns each year, Woods said.

The 15 to 16 students now file around 250 returns every year. About two-thirds of the returns filed are those of students, he said.

Woods said since 1991, the program has prepared over 1,400 tax returns.

The program is from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 6 to 8 p.m. in Colden Hall Room 3400.

Training, job positions offered by corporation

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

There have been several meetings to plan for a possible partnership between Lawson Software Corporation and Northwest to train and employ University students.

Lawson Software, of Minneapolis, has one of the top enterprise resource planning packages in the country, Phillip Heeler, computer science and information systems chairman, said. It has a well-known reputation among its clients.

The company is known for its sophisticated software created for businesses.

Heeler said many students will be interested in working for the company.

"Lawson Software works with Revere Consulting Group in Chicago," Heeler said. "It was through a connection in Revere that Northwest was invited to participate. There has been discussions since November for the possible partnership."

Revere is not part of Lawson Software. It is a group of organized con-

sultants who deal with businesses and their computing entities.

If the partnership were to take place at Northwest, a summer course would be arranged for students to enroll in.

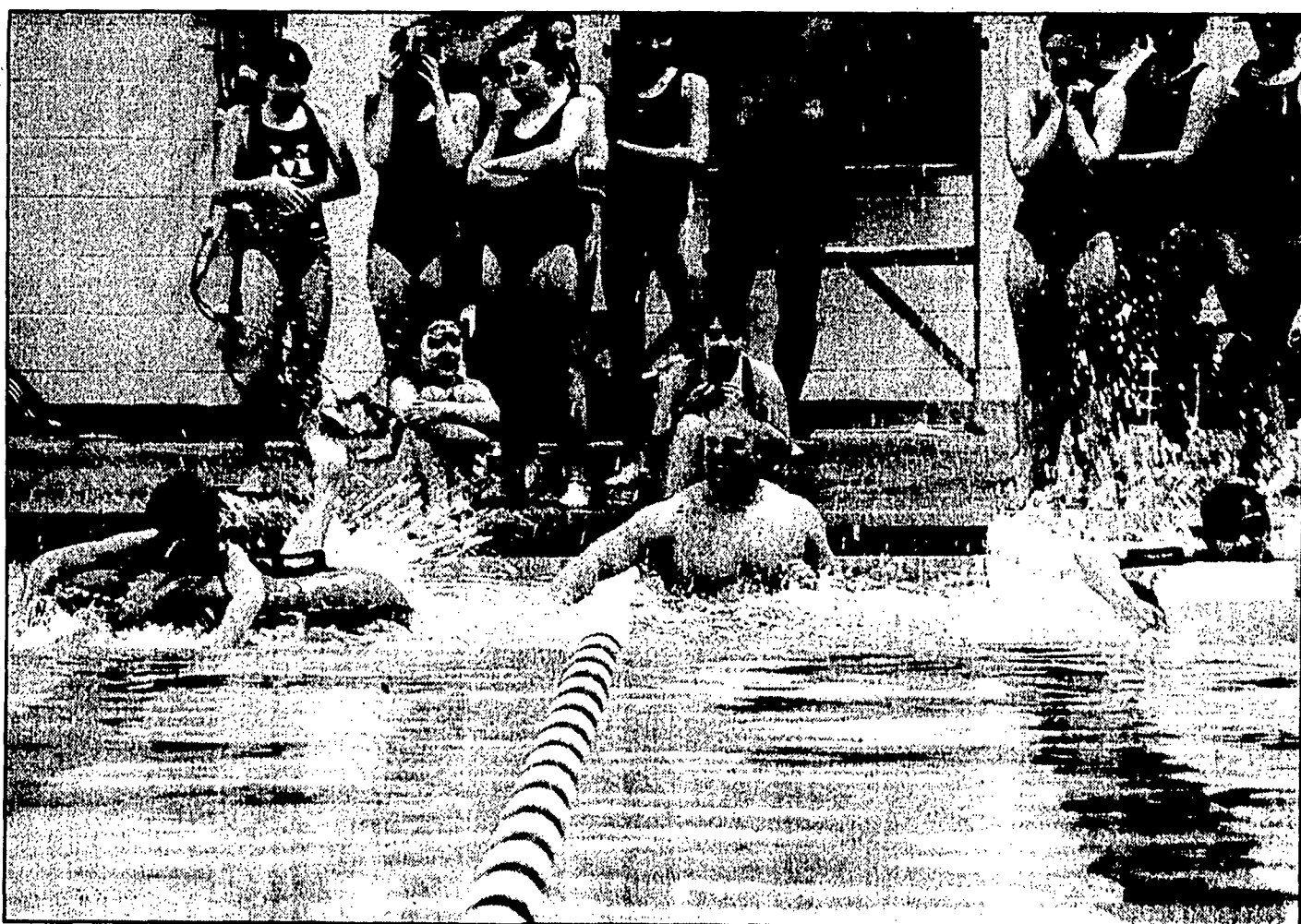
"Students who would sign up for the course would have a very good chance of getting a job from either Lawson Software or Revere," Heeler said.

"Just from taking the course job opportunities would manifest. If a student chooses to participate and does well, they'll be prepared to work with Lawson Software as well as many other companies that use the enterprise resource planning package software."

There will be a meeting to discuss prerequisites that may be necessary for students on Friday. Heeler said there are several options they are looking into.

"Hopefully, we'll have more questions answered then," Heeler said. "Everything is still in the informative stage. As soon as more of the finer details are worked out, an announcement will be posted."

'Wacky' water fun



Aaron Crowe, Bearcat linebacker, watches as kids race toward the finish line during the Wacky Water sports competition on Monday at the Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center. The event was part of health, education and recreation department assistant professor, Donna Lindenmeier's recreation class.

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Coed dorms reach legislation

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

A bill which would prohibit public universities from having coed residential halls was recently introduced in the Missouri House of Representatives.

The proposal would also prohibit visitation by members of the opposite sex in sleeping rooms or hallways in sleeping areas between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.

The legislation was introduced March 1 by Rep. Connie Cleriot, R-Mo., but is not currently on the

house calendar or scheduled for a hearing. However, it has gained support from several other representatives.

Matt Baker, Residential Life coordinator, said if the bill is passed it would affect student satisfaction of the campus housing system. Northwest students choose to live in a coed environment, he said.

"We feel like it's just part of the real world," he said.

Some are concerned that the bill would have a negative affect on students' social development by not exposing them

to real-life situations such as living near members of the opposite sex.

"When you go into the real world, you don't have single-sex apartment complexes," Baker said. "It kind of hinders students' growth."

Baker said college is a time for students to grow as individuals and prepare for life. The bill does not advance this mindset, he said.

Northwest would also face the issue of space if the bill passes. The University may not have enough room to house men and women separately.

A problem might also arise from

the connected halls such as North Complex and Hudson, Perrin and Roberta halls. Baker said they are referred to by different names, but they are still the same building.

The Residence Hall Association has expressed frustration over the subject. Baker said RHA is writing letters to state representatives to voice its opinion on the bill. The organization is also encouraging parents to write letters to their representatives.

"Everybody is scared that if it does pass it would have a negative impact," Baker said.

Scottish culture in Maryville



"Brigadoon," a Scottish musical travels to the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to entertain attendees with Scotland's culture. The musical will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31. Tickets for the performance are \$18 for orchestra seating, \$16 for balcony and \$14 for children from the ages of 3 to 13. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Support Services desk in the Administration Building

or at the door. The main characters, Jeff Douglas and Tommy Albright, live in the hills of Scotland. The plot of the musical revolves around the point at which the two men stumble upon a town by accident. They later realize that the town is not located on their map. This turns the men into a type of explorer where they will see things they have never seen before.

Photograph courtesy of Brigadoon



Speaker Mary Frances Berry was part of the Distinguished Lecture Series in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Thursday. She addressed issues dealing with diversity in America.

Heather Epperly/
Missourian
Photographer

Lecturer discusses affirmative action

by Jamasa Kramer
Missourian Reporter

An internationally known civil rights leader and speaker came to Maryville Thursday to speak on the importance of diversity and affirmative action.

Mary Frances Berry spoke as part of a Distinguished Lecture Series in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

One issue addressed during her speech was the importance of understanding and being able to accept diversity in the job market as the 21st century approaches. Berry said that in the 21st century she believes whites are going to become the minority. She predicted there will be more of a balance racially.

"People are going to have to be accustomed to dealing with people that are different from them," Berry said. "No employer who deals with a multinational business wants to hire employees who can't deal with anybody if they are not like them. People who only want to be with people who are like them will be obsolete."

Berry also addressed the issue of hate crimes in America and her disappointment of its existence.

"We are a nation where hate crimes are increasing," Berry said. "I thought at one time that by giving people the First Amendment, which gives them the right of hate speech, that they would be able to vent their hatred and perhaps decrease the number of hate crimes. This is proven not to be the case."

Berry described a personal experience that proved to her blacks cannot purchase homes in some "white" neighborhoods.

She explained she had one of her white friends go through the realtor and view the house. The company never saw Berry until she showed up at the house after it was purchased. Berry said affirmative action is important to help minorities compete for good opportunities.

"Affirmative action was started to stop the hiring of under qualified applicants," Berry said. "We have ran tests that show how even today people of color have been turned down for jobs when they were more than qualified."

K-State addresses rath of academic dishonesty

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Kansas State University students will soon have one more thing to think about before they consider violating their school's academic dishonesty policy.

KSU has instituted a policy in which students will be able to turn in peers they think are cheating.

The policy was established after a large number of students were caught cheating during exams.

KSU administrators hope the new honor system will not have to be utilized very often.

"I'm hoping, and it's a naive hope, not to have much business," said Phil Anderson, KSU speech instructor and director of the honor system. "I really hope...that all students will take this seriously enough that there won't be a need to turn anyone in."

At Northwest, the academic dishonesty policy does not allow students to turn in other students. Only University instructors and staff members have the authority to turn

in students caught cheating.

The University is not currently considering a policy like KSU's. There has not been mass cheating that would prompt such a move, Provost Tim Gilmour said.

Gilmour said there are factors that seem to affect whether or not students will cheat. Large classes and professional majors that demand good grades seem to lead to more cheating, he said.

Only a small number of cases of cheating are reported each year at Northwest, Gilmour said.

"I think there's a connection — a bond that occurs between students and professors that doesn't happen at larger institutions," Gilmour said.

This connection may have something to do with the low level of cheating which occurs at Northwest since Leland May, English professor, said it is something that he has rarely encountered.

"I've been very pleased with our students over the years," May said. "I've found very few cheaters through the years."

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

A no smoking policy will be implemented at Colden Hall beginning March 29 in order to clear smoke from certain areas surrounding the building.

The policy prohibits smoking at the north and south entrances of Colden.

However, there will be designated smoking areas located near the southeast and southwest entrances.

U-net, a collection of chairmen from each department in the building, control some policy making regarding Colden.

Tom Billesbach, chairman of marketing and management department said the decision was made by faculty and staff in the building after complaints of smoke filled entrances were received by professors.

He also said the committee

Fast Facts:

A smoking policy will be implemented beginning March 29 at the North and South Entrances of Colden Hall. The policy was established after complaints of smoke-filled entrances were reported to Colden's U-net committee.

discussed the policy with the University attorney who said it is legal to implement. Campus Safety will be in charge of enforcing the policy. This is the first time smoking has been prohibited outdoors at Northwest, but according to Billesbach it may catch on at other locations throughout campus.

"I would not be surprised if this is not a move closer to doing this at all buildings on campus," he said. "For the most part I think students will go along with it, they seem to be really good about things like that."

Carol Cowles, student affairs director, said if a policy like this one were applied to the entire University there would be many steps the administration would have to go through first.

"If we are going to think about a University-wide change then that would have to go through all of the proper steps," Cowles said. "One of the steps that I certainly would see



Dave Koppelman/Missourian Photographer

Kaley Hutchinson and Sarah Caldwell take advantage of the last few days of smoking outside the front entrance of Colden Hall. Smoking at the north and south entrances of the building will be prohibited via a new policy that was implemented.

is some opportunity for input from all of the participants in the community."

This would include gathering information from students and faculty at Northwest, she said. She also said other institutions and buildings such as stadiums have implemented similar policies.

"I do know that smoking outdoors in group situations is something that is dealt with in other institutions," Cowles said. "People who are really used to the smoke-free environment have to be sitting next to them, then it is just as intrusive as it would be if they were inside smoking."

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Citizens to voice views on open container ordinance

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Citizens and students of the community will have a chance to share their views concerning alcohol laws at an Open Container Forum scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the University Conference Center.

Maryville Community 2000 is sponsoring the event which will discuss a possible ordinance that would enforce an open container law to include passengers of a car and/or possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in public and on private property.

Community 2000 members hope this forum will help others understand why the group thinks the ordinance would help local youth, said Margaret Pierson, Community 2000 team leader.

"We, as an active team for three and a half years, have identified is-

sués in the community about alcohol and tried to help the youth with programs to teach them the harm it does to people," Pierson said.

Maryville is one of 150 communities in statewide organizations, similar to Community 2000, that are sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health working toward controlling alcohol and drug use, Pierson said.

"Every community is different in what they want to address for their town, but we have the same goals of controlling alcohol," she said.

Thirty-two out of 33 cities with similar demographics have open container laws to some degree. Eleven percent have the open container law on public property, in vehicles and private property within public view, Pierson said.

Public property includes sidewalks, streets and alleys, but each city can further define what it means

"Every community is different in what they want to address for their town, but we have the same goals of controlling alcohol."

Margaret Pierson, Community 2000 team leader

in the ordinance.

Eighty-nine percent have an open container law including public property as well as in motor vehicles.

These communities have had similar laws for approximately 19 years.

Eighty-nine percent report that the laws have been effective in reducing public intoxication, minor in possessions, peace disturbances, vandalism and auto accidents.

"Many people are surprised that Maryville doesn't have a law restrict-

ing the possession of open containers of alcohol in a vehicle by the passengers," Pierson said. "It would be beneficial if our youth were not exposed to public drinking and the behavior that results from over consumption."

"Six months of alcohol use in an adolescent can lead to an addiction versus three years for an adult. People who began drinking before they turned 15 were four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who started drinking at the legal age of 21."

"The risk for alcohol dependence decreased by 14 percent with each year the starting drinking age increased. The risk of lifetime alcohol abuse fell by 8 percent with each additional year."

This ordinance has not been included on the April 6 ballot because Community 2000 wants to promote awareness of what they are trying to accomplish and then let the public respond.

If the response is positive by the attendance of the forum, then Community 2000 will ask City Council to put it on their agenda to be debated further.

Maryville Mayor Bridget Brown said because this forum is not initiated by the Council she wished not to comment on it until she attended.

She did say there will be some strong points made by Community 2000.

Becky Miller, journalism and his-

tory major, said people should be able to drink on their own property if they are not bothering anyone.

"I am not for people drinking, but people who do choose to drink on their property and don't harass other people is not a good way to curb crime," she said. "However, I do definitely think that a law against a passenger having an open container in a car should be enforced, because alcohol and driving do not mix at all."

However, many bar owners have expressed concern regarding the imposed law.

"Personally, this will affect a lot of people 21 and over that drink out in public and don't harm anyone," said Trent Stringer, World Famous Outback owner. "There shouldn't be a law against drinking forced against those who aren't doing wrong, because it is their right to drink in public as long as you are responsible."

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their weapons in heated situations, for example, among other citizens.

"I don't see a lot of value in it for deterrent uses," he said.

Wood said the problem will not be as prevalent in Maryville as it will in larger urban areas. But he does fear some could see carrying a concealed weapon as a solution to an argument, like a road rage incident.

"In some way, I equate carrying guns to using gasoline to put fires out," Wood said.

John Linebaugh, Linebaugh Custom Sixguns owner and former Nodaway County deputy sheriff, said he is for Proposition B. However, he thinks the government is trying to give us the right to do something we should already have according to the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"I'm always a little leary of the government selling us bread that's already ours," Linebaugh said.

He said this bill is unnecessary if legislators would follow the Constitution and he thinks it is another form of "taxation without representation." He said the legislators often send a bill like this through when a citizens say they want something, because it is a way to make people happy and generate revenue.

For example, Linebaugh said if the Proposition B is passed and 125,000 people out of Missouri's population of about 5 million apply for the subsequent permit, the state would create \$10 million in revenue.

Wood said society accepts the fact that it has problems already and guns are not the solution to those problems. He also said the bill is poorly written.

"The law doesn't give sheriffs enough latitude and not enough tools are in place to do satisfactory checks on everyone," Wood said.

However, Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo., said throughout the last six years legislators developed a "tightly crafted proposal" in which all angles of the right to carry a weapon were considered.

Although the bill does require the person applying for a weapon to take training courses, it fails to require a "proficiency" test after the training is completed, Wood said.

Graves said if the bill is passed in April, it would be one of the safest permit systems in the nation for those who apply and pass the criminal background, fingerprint checks and training courses.



The St. Joseph Chorus of Sweet Adelines International joined 26 choirs from around the world in November 1998 in Nashville, Tenn., to sing at the International Sweet Adelines Competition. The St. Joseph choir won the regional competition making them one of the top 27 Sweet Adeline choirs in the world.

Community members enjoy singing group

by Sarah Y. Johnson
Missourian Reporter

Singing for fun, singing to compete and singing just to be singing is the basis of the St. Joseph Chorus of Sweet Adelines International.

The Sweet Adelines are an international group of women who have approximately 30,000 individual choruses worldwide.

The Adelines sing barbershop style, a cappella music characterized by its "cone-shaped sound, chord structures, delivery and interpretation," said Leslie Spalding, eight-year member and Northwest talent development director. Barbershop is produced with four parts: tenor, lead, baritone and bass, and is matched with choreography.

Spalding said the barbershop music is unique from all other types of music because of the sound it produces.

"In almost all cases, the lyrics

and the melody are very nostalgic, sort of haunting," she said.

Another factor which makes barbershop style different from other music is its interpretation.

"The other thing that's maybe a little different about barbershop is that we try very hard to make it conversational," Spalding said.

When not practicing, the St. Joseph Sweet Adelines sing for fairs, company picnics, charity benefits and in regional competitions. During the last 36 years, the women have won the regional competition and advanced to international competition 13 times.

Ann Clark, four-year member and Northwest marketing and management secretary, said the women in the chorus are very determined and committed.

"[We're] a very hard working, cohesive, caring chorus that's very focused on producing good music and presenting a good show," she said.

Not only is the chorus deter-

mined and committed, but very diverse. Whether it be age, careers or education, the women who form the Sweet Adelines differ from each other.

Clark said the diversity of the chorus contributes greatly when interpreting and performing the music and choreography.

"It adds a lot to the expression and the personality of the chorus," Clark said.

The differences within the chorus seems only to draw the women together. Clark said she enjoys the friendships and professionalism of the music and choreography most.

"Whether it be a singer, a director, a choreographer, an arranger, they're very professional and hard working," she said.

The St. Joseph Chorus is currently preparing to perform for the Missouri Reading Association in St. Joseph this month and for the regional competition in April in Overland Park.

Maryville streets to improve

by Jamasa Kramer
Missourian Reporter

Maryville residents will soon have fewer bumpy streets. The city of Maryville has many street improvement projects planned for this summer and the near future.

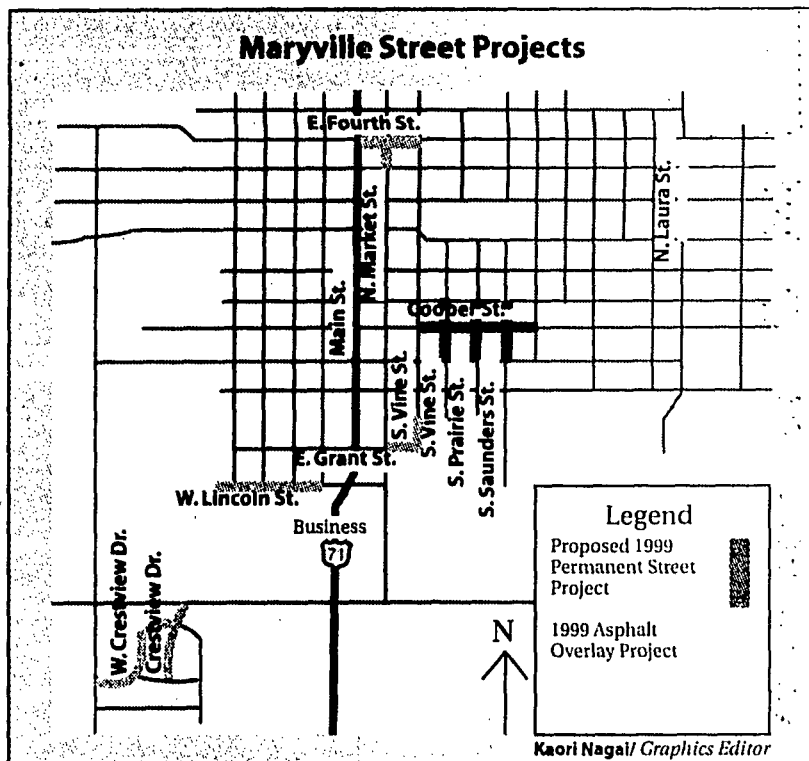
There are three main projects the city is preparing to begin. The first will be asphaltizing the roads at Mozingo Lake. The Mozingo project is a continuation from last year.

"They are going to pave some of the park roads out there that they didn't get to last year," said Matt Chestnut, assistant city manager and public works director. "It is an on-going project. They allocate so much money per year to do roads out there and they do as much as they can."

The city has requested the project be completed by the lake's Independence Day celebration.

In hopes of receiving a good bid, city officials are grouping the work at Mozingo with a second summer project, the asphalt overlay of several city streets.

"We bid it as one total project, the city streets with the Mozingo roads," Chestnut said. "What we are hoping is sometimes the more work you can have one company do, the less expensive the asphalt will be."



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Day O' Green

Northwest students hope a little luck of the Irish comes their way on St. Patty's Day

When the bars opened at 8 a.m. Wednesday, the green beer started flowing and people began filing inside.

For many, the St. Patrick's Day celebration is a festive occasion of drinking. However, this year extra liquor inspectors were in town, and that put a damper on things.

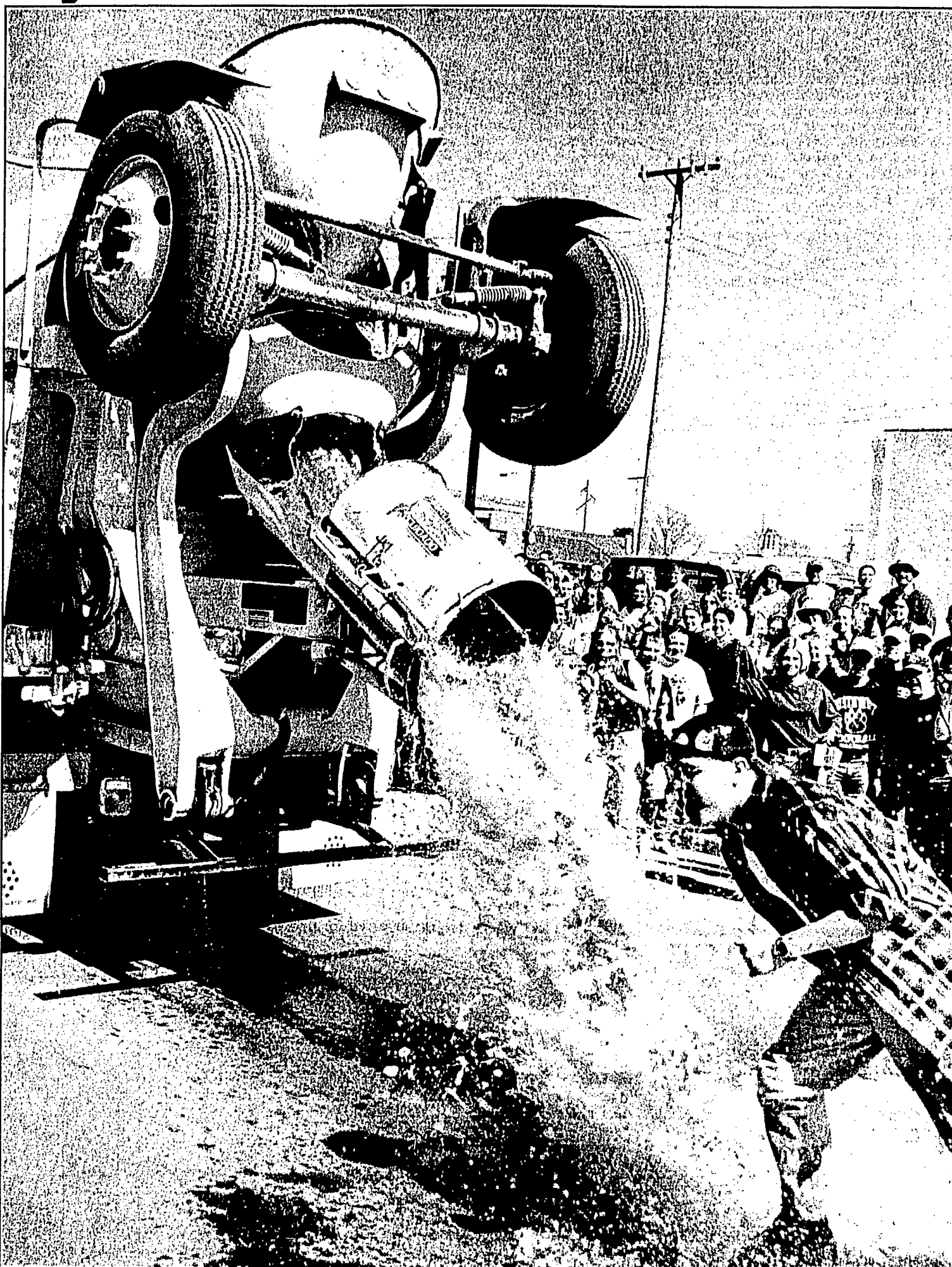
"St. Patty's Day is my favorite holiday next to the Fourth of July, but this year they are being too hard on us," said Sarah Radenslaben, finance and accounting major. "Nobody ever dies, or gets in trouble or anything, usually. But since the liquor patrol is here, it is not as packed as it usually is. But it is still very fun."

Though the drinking began early, the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was led by the football coaches riding a forklift, didn't start until 12:30 p.m.

KDLX sponsored a wet T-shirt contest at the Palms. Overall, patrons were pleased with the celebration.

"The weather is great, and we're having a good time," geography major Mike Mohrhauser said. "The parade was good, but the dumping of the water didn't go so well. And the liquor inspectors came in and did a worthless job. They just walked around, trying to look tough."

Uniformed Liquor Control agent Joe Hodgins looks over Troy Teague's identification to make sure he is of legal drinking age. Some agents were in uniform while others worked undercover.



During the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, a cement truck dumps out green water on the street and an onlooker. The truck signified the end of the world's shortest parade.

John Petrovic/Chief photographer



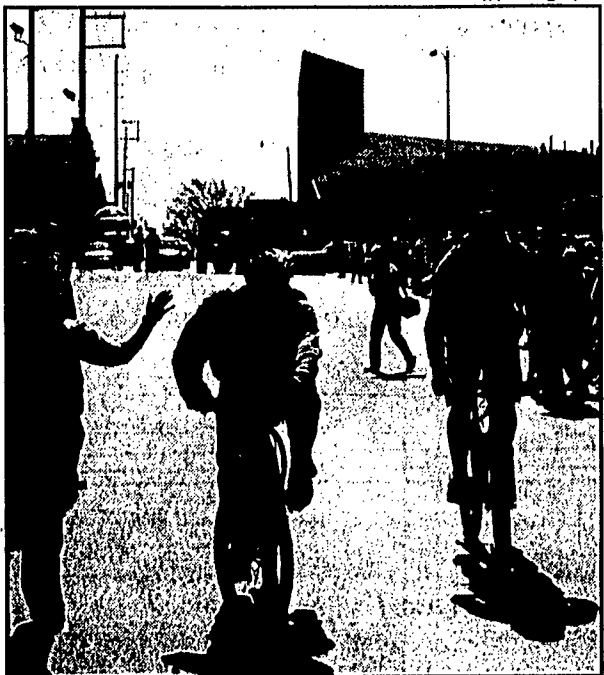
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Under the bright midday sun (above), students drink on the patio of the Palms. Mike Beattie's beer bong is shadowed against the woodpanels. For the first time in several years, the weather was sunny on St. Patrick's Day.

At the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Heather Alnge waves to bicyclers as they make their way down the world's shortest parade route. The parade began at Buchanan and Fourth streets.



Sara Phipps/Contributing photographer



Sara Phipps/Contributing photographer

Liquor agents Joe Hodgins and Clinton Dozier watch the St. Patrick's Day parade. Agents were sent from Kansas City under the Alcohol Safety Awareness and Prevention program.



Jacob DiPietro/Editor in chief

Wet T-shirt contestant Shannon Paulsen encourages the crowd during the annual KDLX wet t-shirt contest Wednesday at the Palms. Paulsen tied for the win and split the \$100 prize.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Monday, March 8

■ A fire unit responded to Bedford, Iowa, on a mutual aid assist on a fire of a two-story building.

Tuesday, March 9

■ A fire unit responded to the 500 block of West Fourth Street on a smoke investigation. Upon arrival, no fire or smoke was found and it was determined that the motor on the furnace had burned out, causing the smell of smoke.

■ Caylen R. Kilpatrick, 18, Maryville, was arrested for larceny following an incident at a local business in which two shirts were taken without being paid for. Loss valued at \$54. She was released after posting bond.

■ Officers responded to the 300 block of East Eighth Street on a complaint. Upon arrival they were granted permission to search the residence. Alcoholic beverages were found and summons for minor in possession were issued to Billy J. Vinzant Jr., 18, Maryville, and Calvin W. Garner, 20, Maryville. Both were released after posting bond.

■ An officer issued a summons to Rhonda M. Reno, 39, Maryville, for vicious animals after receiving complaints that her dogs were chasing children.

■ After receiving a complaint from a Maryville male who stated he had been assaulted, a summons for assault was issued to Warren L. Friedli Jr., 17, Maryville.

■ A Maryville male reported he had been receiving harassing phone calls.

Wednesday, March 10

■ A local business reported that a male subject had rented a washer and dryer and has failed to make payments or return the items.

■ A local business reported that a male subject had rented a 1991 Ford pickup and has failed to make payments or return it.

■ A Maryville female reported she had been assaulted by another female subject.

■ A Maryville female reported she had been threatened by another female subject.

■ Amber R. Martin, Raymore, east-bound on West Third Street, was stopped at a posted stop sign at North Munn Street. She pulled from the stop sign and struck Sonia C. Ching, Maryville, who was north-bound on North Munn Street. A citation was issued to Martin for failure to yield.

■ Becky VanNess, Maryville, was parked in the St. Francis Hospital parking lot when her vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

Thursday, March 11

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of his organization letters and banner from his residence. Loss valued at \$50.

■ A Maryville male reported he had been threatened by another male subject.

■ A Maryville male reported he had been receiving harassing phone calls.

Friday, March 12

■ An Omaha, Neb., male reported he had been assaulted by another male subject.

■ Joseph R. Blaney, 34, Maryville, was issued a citation for failure to stop for a school bus stop sign while it was loading children in the 300 block of South Davis Street.

■ A Maryville couple reported person(s) had entered their residence. The only thing they found to be missing was \$5.75 in cash. Several items had been damaged.

■ Kari R. Eck, Maryville, stated she was northbound on South Main Street when she observed Jase C. Emery, Maryville, nearing North Main Street from the Easter's parking lot. Eck said she felt a bump and did not know if she had been struck or hit a pothole. Emery stated he was leaving Hy-Vee when he observed Eck, who then pulled onto the shoulder. He went around her vehicle and stated he did not believe he had struck it. No citations were issued.

Saturday, March 13

■ Officers received a complaint of the driver of a vehicle consuming alcoholic beverages. An officer observed the vehicle and noticed it was weaving within its lane of travel. The vehicle pulled into a lot in the 200 block of West Fourth Street and contact was made with the driver, Keith C. Nelson, 20, Maryville. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for possession of an altered driver's license; the date of birth had been altered.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of West Fifth Street, an officer observed a female carrying a bottle. When she observed the officer she sat the bottle down and walked away. She was stopped and identified as Kathryn M. Saluto, 19, Maryville. She was issued a summons for littering and for minor in possession of alcohol after it was determined the bottle contained alcoholic beverages.

■ Officers responded to the 1100 block of East Second Street on a complaint of an accident. Upon arrival it was determined a vehicle had rolled, striking a parked vehicle owned by Todd A. Baker, Quitman. After questioning witnesses, an officer asked Michael L. Blackney, 30, Maryville, to perform field sobriety tests. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he failed to successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit.

■ Scott L. Lininger, Maryville, started from park and backed into the parked vehicle of Gary D. Pollard, Parkville, which was parked directly behind Lininger, on West Second Street. No citations were issued.

■ Dawn M. Kokes, Maryville, stated she turned onto North Mulberry Street when she struck the parked vehicle of Paul L. Bickford, Maryville. A citation was issued to Kokes for careless and imprudent driving.

Sunday, March 14

■ An officer was in the 300 block of

West Fourth Street when he observed a vehicle traveling west in the eastbound lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Nichole L. Huddle, 24, Atlantic, Iowa. While talking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after she could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville female reported she had been assaulted by another female subject.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Monday, March 8

■ Officers investigated an accident in the southwest parking lot on College Drive.

Wednesday, March 10

■ Officers investigated an accident in the parking lot behind the Administration Building. A vehicle backed into a vehicle in transport. A University traffic citation was issued for improper backing.

■ Les Chestnut reported a tree had been damaged near Millikan Hall.

■ Officers investigated a complaint made by MORENET in reference to computer tampering. The suspect was contacted and issued a University summons for inappropriate behavior.

Thursday, March 11

■ Officers investigated a complaint of vandalism in Hudson Hall.

■ Officers stopped a vehicle on North College Drive for failure to yield at a stop sign. Contact was made with the driver, who submitted to field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was transported to the Nodaway County Jail. A University summons was also issued for driving while intoxicated.

Friday, March 12

■ Officers responded to a complaint of suspicious activity in the lower lot behind Hudson Hall. Contact was made with several individuals and alcohol was found on one of the suspects. A University summons was issued for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ Officers stopped a vehicle in the Phillips and Franken halls parking lot for careless and imprudent driving. Contact was made with the driver who agreed to submit to field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was transported to the Nodaway County Jail. A University summons was also issued for driving while intoxicated.

NODAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF

Thursday, Feb. 25

■ A Barnard subject reported a burglary at a vacant house.

Monday, March 1

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Burlington Junction.

■ A Barnard subject reported the theft of items from the Barnard school.

Tuesday, March 2

■ A Clyde subject reported telephone harassment

Wednesday, March 3

■ Dennis Schebaum, 42, Burlington Junction, was arrested on a parole violation and four counts of forgery.

Thursday, March 4

■ Travis J. Casteel, 26, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

■ Bonnie E. Shankle, 21, Fairbanks, Alaska, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. She was released on a summons after being held for the mandatory eight hours.

Saturday, March 6

■ Diana L. Worl, 42, Fairfax, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for forgery.

Sunday, March 7

■ A Maryville subject reported a burglary and property damage at a Maryville business.

Monday, March 8

■ Randy E. Koch, 32, Pickering, was arrested on a warrant for a probation violation.

NEW ARRIVAL

Sarah Nicole Dudeck

James and Ann Dudeck, Oregon, are the parents of Sarah Nicole Dudeck, born Feb. 13 at Heartland Regional Health Center in St. Joseph. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces.

Her grandparents are Russ and Rita Northup, Mound City; and John and Pat Dudeck, Oregon.

Logan Joseph Zimmerman

Mark and Tina Zimmerman are the parents of Logan Joseph Zimmerman, born March 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds and joins three brothers, Trevor, Reid and Jacobi Zimmerman.

His grandparents are Barry and Marion Collins, Ravenwood; and Bernard and Virginia Zimmerman, Maryville.

Great-grandparents are Tom and Gertrude Locklar, Albany; and Jack and Irma Collins, Maryville.

Elijah Clarence Green

Clarence and Chelli Green, Barnard, are the parents of Elijah Clarence Green, born March 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and joins three siblings, Kelsi, KayLee and Brooklyn Green.

His grandparents are Roger and Connie Davis, Malvern, Iowa; and Clarence and Jewelen Green, East St. Louis, Ill.

His great-grandparents are Easter Davis, Malvern, Iowa; and Carrie Fields, East St. Louis, Ill.

Dana Jo Bradshaw

Jason and Rebecca Bradshaw, Maryville, are the parents of Dana Jo Bradshaw, born March 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and joins one sister, Kelli Nichole Bradshaw.

Her grandparents are Dale and Patsy Reed, Maryville; Kevin and Bev Norris, Chariton, Iowa; and Jerry and Mary Bradshaw, Maryville.

Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Letha Reed, Rosendale; Harold and Jackie Norris, Chariton, Iowa; and Gerald Porter, Ravenwood.

OBITUARIES

Samuel Clay Chitwood Sr.

Samuel Clay Chitwood Sr., 85, Skidmore, died March 10 at the Fairfax Community Hospital in Fairfax.

He was born March 10, 1914, to Mose and Clara Chitwood in Ellington.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Chitwood; two sons, Kenneth and Robert Chitwood; seven daughters, Freeda Stava, Ella Armagast, Lois Scott, Melba Barr, Carol Strauch, Kathy Chitwood, and Sally Sims; two brothers, Bill and Earl Chitwood; one step-daughter, Beverly Wymore; four step-sons, Danny, Charles, Walt and Dale Wymore; four sisters, Sally Parrack, Imogene Hampton, Onata Hampton and Anna Kinnard; 23 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were 2 p.m. Friday at the Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Carrie P. Fuller

Carrie P. Fuller, 91, Maryville, died March 11 at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 5, 1907, to Edward and Finetta Brown in Shenandoah, Iowa.

She is survived by two sons, Robert and Kirby Fuller; one daughter, Betty Miles; five brothers, Virgil, Homer, Harold, Kenneth and Melvin Brown; one sister, Delcie Sands; 44 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were 1 p.m. Monday at the Price Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Clearmont.



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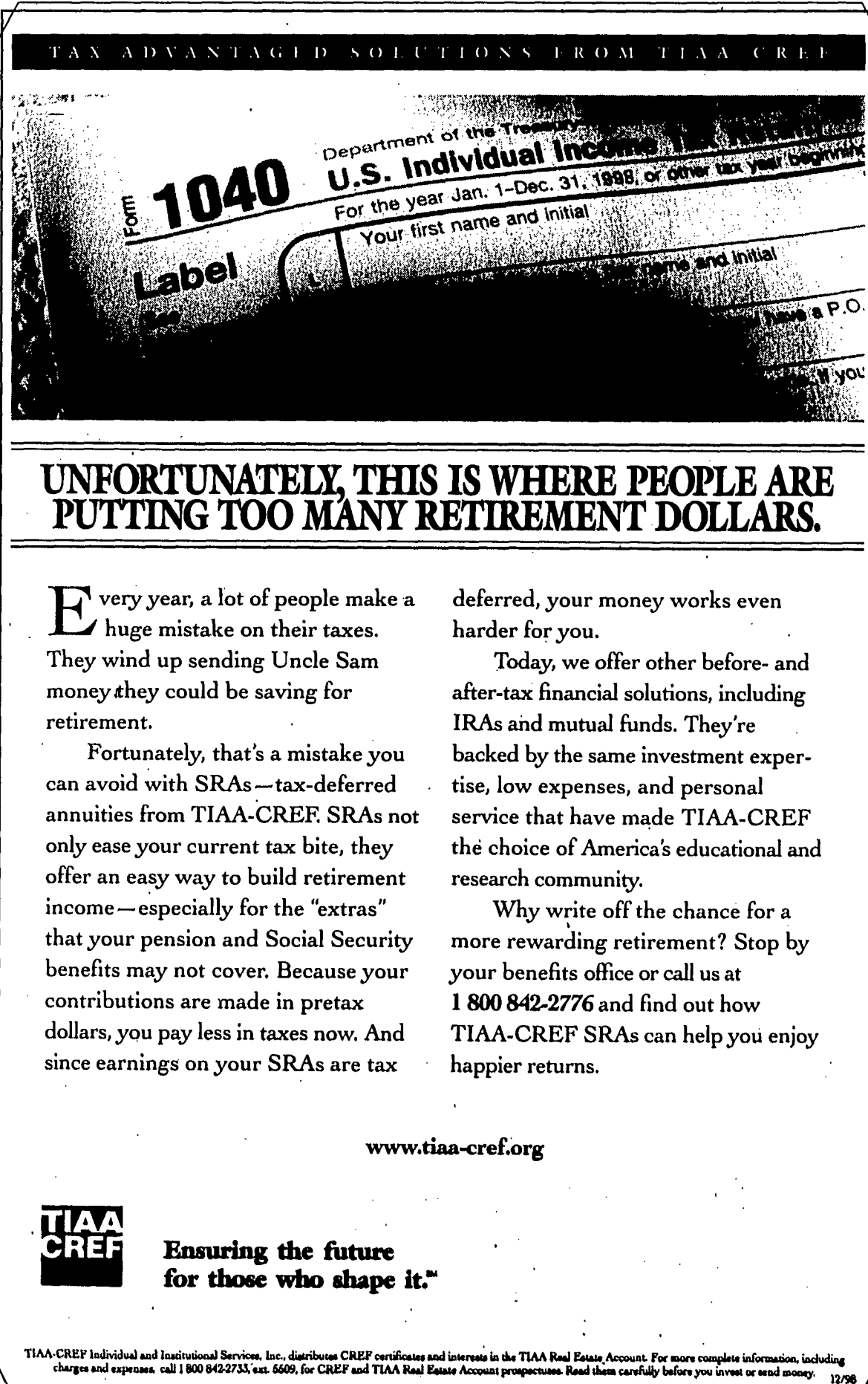
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Faith, Hope, Renewal

Conception Abbey reopens doors to officials, invited guests for dedication of altar

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

The Dedication of the Altar ceremony at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception drew worshippers from all over the world to witness the consecration of the church's new altar and view the recent renewal and restoration.

More than 500 invited guests and church officials crowded the Basilica for the two-hour dedication Tuesday. The ceremony was the first mass in the 109-year-old building in more than three years.

The service also marked the first tolling of the bells for mass in three years. The five bells were rung by Conception seminary students and monks.

The service was presided over by the Rev. Raymond Boland, bishop for the church diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The bishop anointed the altar by pouring holy oil over it.

The ceremony was the culminating event of a decade-long renewal project including over three years of construction and several years of planning.

The Rev. Gregory Polan, OSB, Conception Abbey abbot, said several of Conception's monks have "gone to be with God" since the start of the project, and were unable to see it completed. In the past year alone, eight monks have died, including a 90-year-old former Conception Abbey abbot who had lived at the monastery for 70 years.

The involvement of the community was an essential part of the project Polan said. The renewal's more than \$8 million cost was entirely paid for by donations from community members. The marble altar alone cost more than \$25,000.

"This has not been the work of just a couple of people in the community; it really has involved the whole community," Polan said.

The new Basilica boasts some significant changes over its former appearance. It allows more light to enter through new windows, its murals were cleaned and restored, one being completely repainted, and the altar and monks' choir stalls were moved closer to the congregation.

"(The project) took an awful lot of care and time," Augie Huber, project general contractor, said. "The perspective was different than we've worked with in a long time."

Abbot Primate Marcel Rooney, OSB, the former abbot of Conception Abbey who is now abbot of the entire Benedictine Order, was present for the ceremony.

Abbots from several other countries were present as well, including Abbot Berchtold Müller, OSB, of the Engelberg Abbey in Switzerland. Engelberg Abbey is the mother abbey from which the first monks came to Conception.



The Shrine of St. Joseph is displayed on a stand north of the apse. This shrine, along with the Shrine of St. Benedict located south of the apse, was painted in Jerusalem and shipped to Conception Abbey. The painting is not one of the original murals from the 1890s. They were commissioned during the renewal specifically for the Basilica.

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Photography
Editor



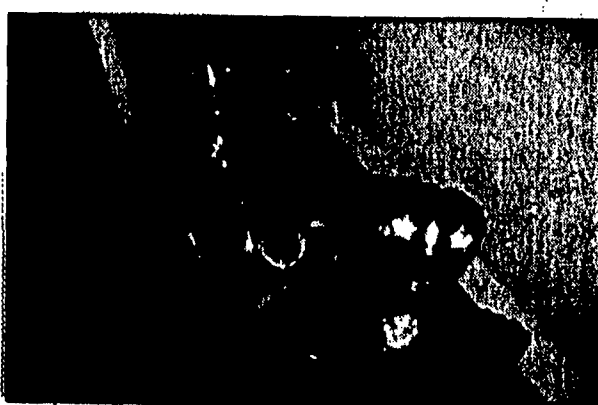
The visiting archbishops, bishops and abbots from all over the world make their way down the aisle for the Dedication of the Altar ceremony.

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Editor



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Church officials gather behind the altar in preparation for communion. The deacons and ministers prepare the altar in the traditional manner. Members of the congregation bring bread and wine for the celebration of the Lord's sacrifice. During this time, the choir sang "Prayer Over the Gifts."



Before the altar dedication the chalices that were to be used for communion were displayed on a table for viewing by the public. The golden cups were elegantly decorated with jeweled insets.

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Editor

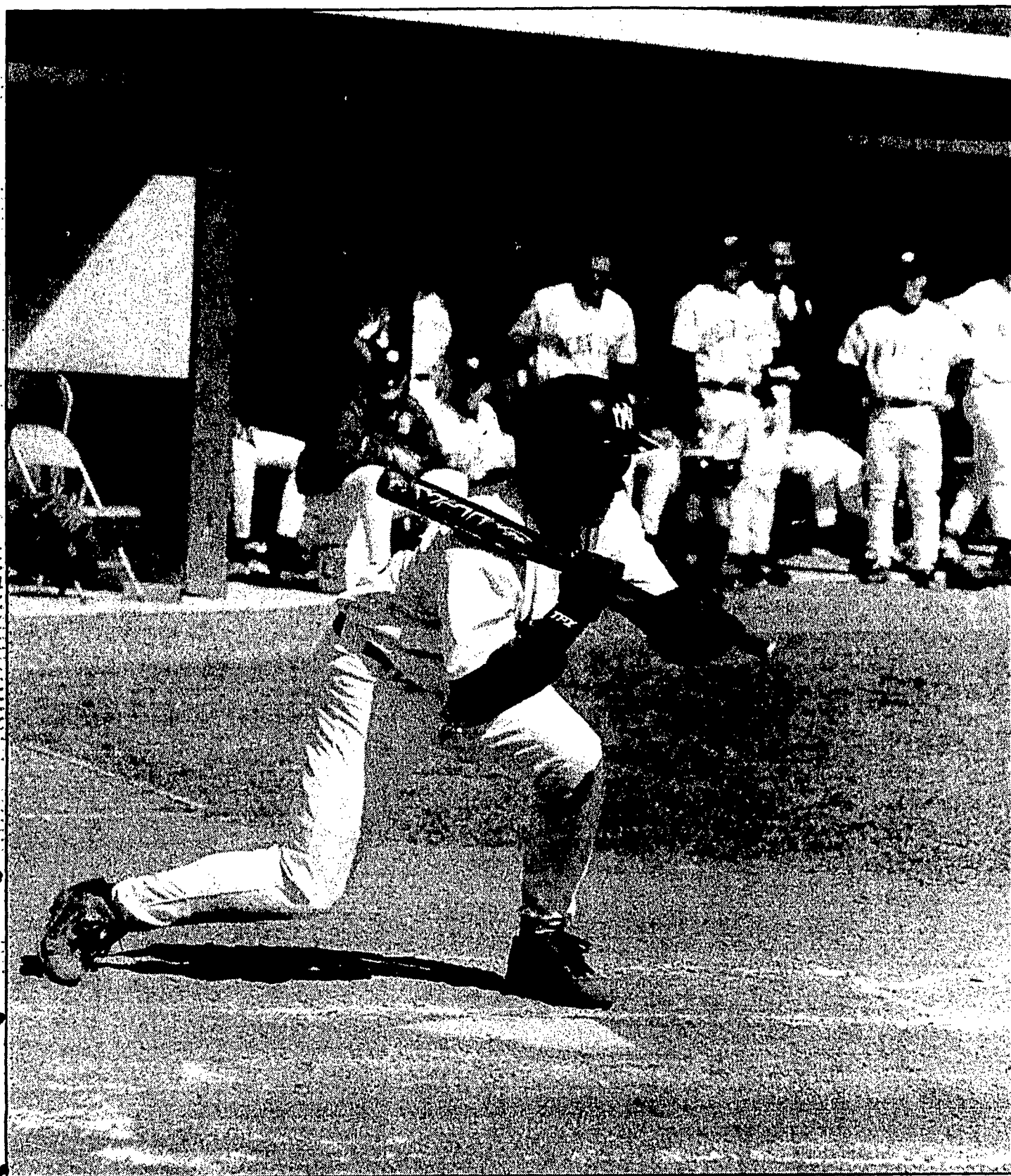
WEDNESDAY BASEBALL

Game one:
Northwest 7, North Dakota State 6

Game two:
North Dakota State 18, Northwest 10

SPORTS

Maryville High School
sports spring into
action, aim for goals
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Junior shortstop Chad Basler attempts to lay down a bunt against North Dakota State University in the first game of a doubleheader on Wednesday. He was hitless during the two games, but scored a run for the 'Cats in the nightcap. Northwest won the first game 7-6, but the Bison took the second game 18-10. The two teams will be in action again Thursday with the first of two games beginning at 1 p.m.

'Cats split with Bison after weather bout

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

The tarp was rolled off Bearcat Field Monday for the first time in 15 days and the Northwest baseball team was finally in action again Wednesday.

The team split a doubleheader with North Dakota State University, taking a 7-6 victory in the first game, before falling 18-10 in the nightcap.

After having all of last week's games canceled due to bad weather, the 'Cats knew the Bison would be a tough opponent.

"Normally, what we find would be they're strong offensively," head coach Jim Johnson said. "They always have good hitters. Pitching is probably not to take anything away from their program, average."

"But they're normally a stationary team. That means that they're not into Bearcat baseball like we are. They're into hitting the long ball and being stationary on the bases and moving the guys around that way. So they'll be big and strong and have a lot more games than we've got under our belt."

In game one, Northwest took an early 2-1 lead after a two-run homer by junior catcher Matt Vleisides in the bottom of the second. The 'Cats tacked on two more runs in the fifth when sophomore designated hitter Adam Bailey singled in a run and eventually scored on a double by senior third baseman Troy Gerlach.

In the sixth, singles by Vleisides, junior second baseman Cam King and freshman center fielder Zac Barron, and a North Dakota State error, resulted in three more runs for the 'Cats.

Senior relief pitcher Jon Davis pitched one and two-thirds innings allowing just one run on two hits and a pair of strikeouts to notch the win.

However, in game two, the Bearcat pitching was battered and gave up four home runs, including a grand slam.

After the Bison scored five runs in the fifth, the 'Cats rallied to tie the score, 9-9. King and Barron both singled to start the inning. Then Bailey doubled to score King, and Barron came home on a sacrifice fly by senior right fielder Rusty Lashley.

Gerlach reached on an error, scoring Bailey, and junior first baseman Chris Yust earned a walk. Then junior left fielder Mike Sortino smacked a pinch-hit RBI single to right field. Gerlach scored on the play, and Yust eventually scored on a throwing error by the Bison catcher.

It's like when the basketball team takes Christmas vacation off and comes back after a few days. That next game back just always seems like slow-motion. That's our problem.

■ Jim Johnson, head baseball coach

However, the 'Cats efforts did not hold up as North Dakota State struck for five more runs in the top of the sixth, and four in the seventh to take an easy 18-10 victory.

Northwest junior hunter Brent White took the loss, allowing five earned runs on seven hits in two and one-third innings.

King's continues to shine for the 'Cats on offense. He went two-for-three in the first game and with one RBI. In the second game, he was two-for-four at the plate and scored three runs.

Prior to Wednesday's meeting, the 'Cats, who have played the fewest games in the MIAA, were forced to cancel 10 games because of bad weather.

"It doesn't help," Johnson said. "We've been certainly as active as we can be in the indoor facilities. It hurts when you only play six games and then take a week off, and you don't even get outside. It's like when the basketball team takes Christmas vacation off and comes back after a few days. That next game back just always seems like slow-motion. That's our problem."

Northwest, now 4-4, will face North Dakota State in another doubleheader 1 p.m. Thursday at Bearcat Field.

Then the team will begin conference play against Pittsburg State this weekend.

"It's always great to start off strong," Johnson said. "We play 25 conference games, but the first 10 are really crucial to get out to a good start. It helps out everybody's mental frame of mind. Starting out our conference season with Pittsburg State, then Missouri Western, then Missouri Southern — that's a pretty challenging start."

Women's soccer coach joins, team excited for new era

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

Last spring, the Board of Regents took the first step toward implementing women's soccer on the varsity and conference level at Northwest.

Monday, Northwest took a big step by hiring a coach who will help take the sport to that level. Joann Wolf brings 10 years of coaching experience to Northwest and has started three collegiate soccer programs from scratch.

Athletic director Jim Redd said that, along with her experience as a player, made Wolf stick out.

She revived the previously disbanded program at Tarkio College from 1988-91. At New Mexico-Highlands, she started a program. She was also the head coach at Drury College and assistant coach at St. Louis Community College at Meramec.

However, Wolf said Northwest is already headed in the right direction.

"It takes a lot of patience to start a program from scratch, but this team has 12-14 student-athletes already," she said. "The opportunities here, where there has been a program for a few years, are unlimited. They are off to a heck of a start which helps a lot. Recruiting will be a pri-

ority, because it's a 24-seven job. It never stops. It starts on the campus then branches out. I'm just really excited and ready to get started."

The naming of a coach has jump-started the women's efforts.

"There was a lot of uncertainty before," freshman Lexi Isaacson said. "Now we can focus on next year, and starting a program. We aren't running in vain anymore. We are doing it for a purpose now. It's finally going to happen."

Junior Sharon Boswell said the announcement ends a long wait.

"I was told we would have a coach a long time ago, but it's nice to finally know who it is," Boswell said. "She seems nice and very talkative. And she's excited, which makes me excited to get started."

It's not just joining another team that has Wolf excited, it's the prospects she has.

"We can be competitive right off the bat if we recruit and prepare well," she said. "We open up against Truman. It will be our first game, but it will be their's too. I love to be a surprise, so I hope we sneak up and bite them in the rear. It doesn't matter that we'll be in our first year, we will be going out to win."

Wolf is currently head coach at Springfield Central High School, in Springfield, but will begin full-time at Northwest May 15.



At a press conference on Monday, Joann Wolf speaks to members of the media, players on the women's soccer team and others after being announced as the new women's head soccer coach. Athletic director Jim Redd said, "We are very impressed with Joann's credentials. One of her biggest strengths is the fact that she knows what it takes to start a new program."

Softball team looks for wins at tourney

By Shannon Ross
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest softball team hopes Oklahoma will have sunny skies when they travel there for the Cameron University Tournament Thursday.

The Bearcats will face four teams they have never played at the Cameron Tournament in the first day of pool play. Pending Saturday's results, the 'Cats will be seeded in a single-elimination tournament.

"Our team is really excited to face some new teams including Cameron University, Northeastern State University (OK), Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Southeastern Oklahoma State University," head coach Pam Knox said. "We hope to see sunshine and a dry field in Oklahoma as we play some new teams."

The Bearcats have had five games in a row canceled due to the snowy weather. The 'Cats' traveled to Missouri Southern last week to play in their invitational tournament but it got canceled due to the snow and cold weather.

"Even though we have not been able to get outside and play much, extra practice has helped us improve on our hitting and pitching," Knox said. "We have been having a lot of pressure practices in which we execute plays, work on stealing and have pitchers practice coming back from behind in the count."

There are some players cannot wait to get back on the field and show their stuff, Angel said.

"We have really been focusing hard on improving our hitting skills," Angel said. "We hope to come out and give some teams in Oklahoma a real run for their money."

The 'Cats are pumped about getting a preview of what to expect in the MIAA conference, sophomore outfielder Erica Pfeifer said.

"We will finally be getting some games in this week," Pfeifer said. "Also, Southwest Baptist University, one of our conference opponents, will be at the Cameron Tournament. This will give us an early look at what to expect out of the competition in the MIAA conference."

Columnist discovers Iowa, basketball history in grandfather



Travis Dimmitt

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clippings was a program from the 1951 Iowa State Boys' Basketball Tournament.

The saying is true: there really is nothing new under the sun. March Madness isn't just a recent thing, it's been around for a long time.

This thought proved to be even more true as I began to thumb through the program's yellowed pages. I was surprised to find an article touting the fact that the '51 tournament was to be the 40th in Iowa's history. March Madness had

come to the Hawkeye state less than two decades after James Naismith hung up his first peach basket.

As I continued to leaf through the program's pages I found another pleasant surprise. My grandfather, along with the rest of his Birmingham High School teammates, had been a participant in the tournament. I stared in amazement at his picture in the program.

Gramps was only 17 years old in 1951, but the ear-splitting grin he wore in the picture was a carbon copy of his smile today.

With their crewcuts, short shorts, kneepads and Chuck Taylor All-Star shoes, the boys from Birmingham looked like they had come straight from the classic basketball movie "Hoosiers."

In fact, the '51 Birmingham Eagles were real-life "Hoosiers" of sorts. Birmingham High School boasted an enrollment of just over 50 students in grades 9-12.

Despite the small numbers, the Eagles soared to a 25-0 regular season record, good enough to earn them a coveted trip to Iowa

City to play ball with such schools as Grinnell, with an enrollment of 360, and Des Moines East, with almost 1,350 students.

My grandpa's team squared off against Sioux Center in the quarterfinal round. That school's nickname was the Indians, though perhaps "Flying Dutchmen" would have been a better fit.

With surnames like Ver Hoef, Biemers, Kroon, Van Roekel, De Jong and De Ruyter it's not tough to figure out where their ancestors had gotten on the boat.

Though the Indians/Dutchmen bested Birmingham that day, the experience of playing in an earlier version of March Madness is something that has stayed with Gramps throughout the course of his life.

His victories over me at 'horse' and 'pig' throughout the years have proved that, as well as the smile that still graces his face at the mere mention of March 1951.

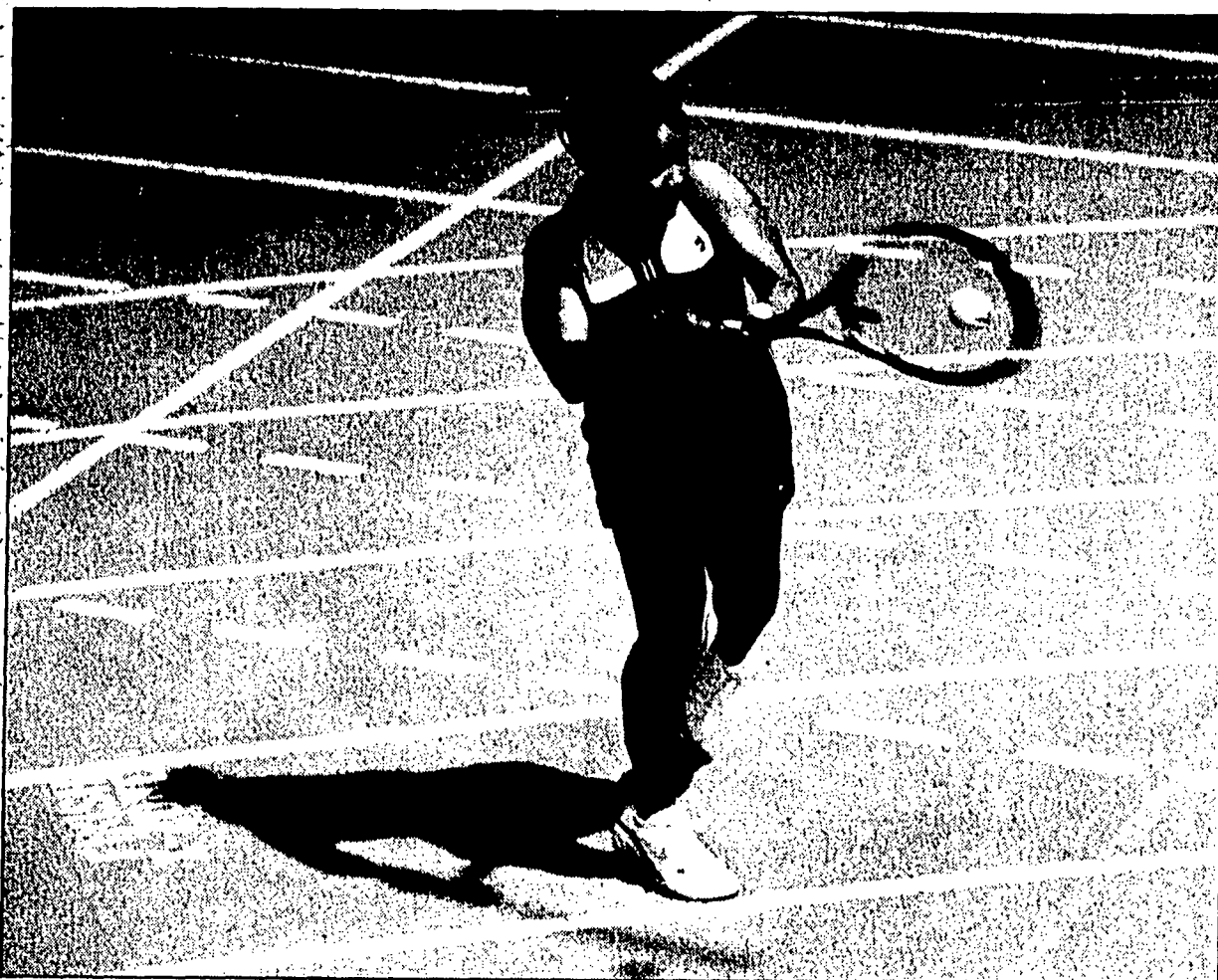
Apparently, March Madness is a lifelong condition.

Travis Dimmitt is the copy editor for The Northwest Missourian.



This photo shows the Birmingham High School basketball team in 1951. Dimmitt's grandfather, Leonard Crafton, is pictured in the front row, third from the left.

Tennis teams prep for weekend matches



Bearcat Yasmine Osborn rockets a two-handed backhand down the line during a match against Southwest Baptist Friday night in Bearcat Arena. Osborn and Kim Buchan defeated Sara

Anderson and Kristen Brumley 8-1 in their doubles match. The women defeated Southwest Baptist, 9-0, before dropping to Missouri Southern State College, 6-3, Saturday.

by Wendy Broker

Assistant Sports Editor

Getting "match tough" has been the goal of the men's and women's tennis teams so far this season and continues to be as they head into matches this weekend and during spring break.

The women will take on conference competition in Lincoln University Saturday and then Division I opponent Oral Roberts University Sunday.

The upcoming matches will bring all sorts of competition for the women senior Kim Buchan said.

"Saturday against Lincoln we should hopefully have another one under our belt," Buchan said. "They haven't had a strong team in the past few years. And Oral Roberts will be really strong and will challenge us. We should win a couple here and there, but it will be really good experience for us."

"Then we play Mo. West when we come back from break, and that should be a pretty good match. I just hope with all the matches during spring break, myself and the others will be more match tough."

Buchan and the women go into the Lincoln match with a 4-1 record after winning 7-2 over Rockhurst College Tuesday. Senior Yasmine Osborn, juniors Regan Dodd and Julie Ervin, and sophomores Gina Hayes and Ellen Stubbs each won singles matches for the 'Cats.

The doubles teams of Osborn and Buchan, and Stubbs and Dodd also won.

Last weekend, the women picked

up two important conference wins, beating Southwest Baptist, 9-0, Friday and Missouri Southern, 6-3, Saturday.

The men's team will take on the University of Nebraska-Kearney at 2 p.m. Thursday at home. They also have matches with conference opponent Missouri-Rolla and Division II foe Washington University scheduled for Saturday.

"We hope it will be a close match with Kearney," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "They beat Southwest Baptist so they have a good team. We will just try to compete with the guys we have."

The men go into their match with Kearney trying to break a two-game losing streak. The men fell to Rockhurst, 9-0, Tuesday and to Southwest Baptist, 7-2, last Saturday.

Freshman Brett McConnell and the doubles team of juniors Christian Gustafsson and Kornell Romada picked up wins for the team against Southwest Baptist.

Despite an 0-5 record, the men have hopes for the future.

"We're probably better than any team we have faced so far, but we've got guys who are ineligible and we haven't had everybody all together yet," sophomore Scott Magzdiak said. "When we have the full team, we are good. It's frustrating to the whole team not to have everybody at once. There are a couple of times we lost that we should have won."

Coach Rosewell said the teams look forward to the upcoming matches because the players will not miss school, and will be playing a lot of good teams in better weather.

WEEKLY SPORTS PLANNER

MARCH 18-MARCH 31



BASEBALL

Thursday	North Dakota State	1:00
Saturday	Pittsburg State	Noon
Sunday	Pittsburg State	1:00
Tuesday	Minnesota State	1:00
Wednesday	Missouri Western	1:00
March 27	Missouri Southern	Noon
March 28	Missouri Southern	1:00
March 30	Nebraska-Omaha	2:30
March 31	Truman State	1:00

SOFTBALL

Friday-Saturday	Cameron Tourn.	TBA
Monday	Cameron	2:00
Tuesday	Central Oklahoma	Noon
March 31	Emporia	2:00

TRACK

Thursday	Emporia State Twilight	
Wednesday	UT-Pan American Dual	

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday	Lincoln	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Oral Roberts	2:00
Monday	Drury	2:00
Tuesday	Missouri Western	3:30
March 27	Emporia	10:00 a.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Saturday	Missouri-Rolla	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Washington	2:30
Sunday	Northeastern Oklahoma	9:30 a.m.
	Oral Roberts	2:00
Monday	Drury	2:00
March 27	Emporia	10:00 a.m.
March 30	William Jewell	3:00



BASEBALL

Tuesday	Lafayette	4:00
March 25	Benton	4:00
March 29	Platte County	4:30

TRACK

Tuesday	Maryville meet	4:00
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GOLF

Tuesday	Savannah Tourn.	9:00 a.m.
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TENNIS

Friday	Savannah	4:00
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All times are p.m. unless noted. Home games are bold.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kim Buchan

Senior tennis player Kim Buchan earned two wins in No. 2 singles and teamed with senior Yasmine Osborn to take a pair of players in No. 1

doubles as the Bearcats took two MIAA wins last week. Buchan, who is 4-1 on the season, posted her 60th career singles victory with a win Saturday in St. Joseph.



Kim Buchan

ON THE SIDELINES

NCAA tourney distracts columnist from studies



Mark Hornickel

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Last weekend, I had planned to catch up on my studies and begin preparing for the spurge (No. 1 don't know if it's a word, but I thought it sounded good.) of exams that professors have thrown at me before spring break.

Gosh, with March Madness beginning, I should have known the weekend wouldn't be much for studying.

The Madness began last Thursday, and my roommate and I dove right into it. Nothing but basketball was on our television from about noon last Thursday until about 9 p.m. Sunday night.

I was pretty proud of myself for picking Creighton over Louisville in the first round. But the rest was downhill from there.

A couple hours later, No. 10-seed Gonzaga knocked off No. 7-seed Minnesota and No. 12-seed Detroit took out No. 5-seed UCLA.

No problem. Two lucky upsets. And if I would've thought about it a little harder, I probably should have gone with Gonzaga in the first round anyway. Dang it.

Soon it got brutal.

By the evening, I was revved up and ready to go for the matchup between No. 3-seed North Carolina and No. 14-seed Weber State.

I don't care what you NCAA Tournament-predicting gurus say you had on your brackets. There is no way anybody could have predicted the outcome of that one.

It was such a remarkable loss for North Carolina that in a few years, sports fanatics might be asking the question: where were you when the Tar Heels lost to Weber State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

And I'll proudly answer: chatting with my girlfriend, giving her the play-by-play of the last 30 seconds and then leaning back in my chair in shock.

I started Friday on a good note, picking Purdue over Texas. But, again my bracket ended up in ruins.

That morning, I sent an e-mail to a good friend of mine at No. 12-seed Southwest Missouri State teasing her that the Bears surely had no chance against my home-state team, the No. 5-seed Wisconsin Badgers.

I was proven wrong when Southwest upset the Badgers. And then I really took it hard when the Bears went on to knock out No. 4-seed Tennessee two days later.

In addition, I saw my Cinderella hopeful, No. 11-seed Kent, go down (Hey, it was worth a try), as well as No. 4-seed Arizona and No. 7-seed Washington.

Okay, fine. The first round was over and Saturday would be my study day.

Wrong again. The games were underway by the time I drug myself out of bed on Saturday morning and the books and notebooks lay piled on my desk.

And the Madness continued. Saturday brought Gonzaga over No. 2-seed Stanford, and No. 5-seed Iowa beat No. 4-seed Arkansas. Then, Sunday saw the end of the line for No. 3-seed Cincinnati to No. 6-seed Temple and No. 5-seed N.C. Charlotte to No. 13-seed Oklahoma.

By Sunday's end, my bracket was beginning to look like a new football play I should be submitting to Northwest head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma.

For now the Madness is over. But beware. It starts up again Thursday. In the meantime, I'll gut it out with my tests and pray for the same miracles that helped Gonzaga, Southwest Missouri State and Miami-Ohio.

Mark Hornickel is the sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.

Tracksters head for outdoors

by Wendy Broker

Assistant Sports Editor

After more than a month of practicing, the Bearcat men's and women's track teams are ready for action, and will take on their first competition of the outdoor season Thursday at the Emporia State Twilight meet.

For both the men and women, the meet will offer an opportunity to get some experience under their belts.

Vicki Wooton, women's head coach, said the meet will help measure progress.

"Emporia will be a small meet, but a good opener for us," Wooton said. "It will give everyone a chance to compete in one or two events and see what they need to work on. We will only take 17 women, so we will be down in some events. But it will help us get in meet shape, competitive shape."

Six days later the women will compete in a dual meet with Texas Pan-America University in Edinburg, Texas, as part of the team's spring break trip.

Wooton said spring break will not be just relaxing.

"We will practice twice a day during spring break," she said. "The dual with Pan-Am will also be more like a practice situation than a meet. We might use it to let some of them try different events that they always wanted to do. But it will also get some competition and practice in where the weather is nice."

The men will also travel to Em-

poria, Kan., for the Twilight meet, Thursday.

Rich Alsup, head men's coach, said the men will take advantage of the chances to compete.

"It will be our first opportunity to get some performance down for the outdoor season," Alsup said. "They will give us a good indication of where we are at. It will be a pretty good early competition that will help us a little. We aren't taking everyone, but a cross section of the team is going. We will definitely feel the missing ones though."

The Emporia meet and the spring break meet against Texas Pan-Am will only enhance the work the team has done in practice, Alsup said.

"We are in pretty good shape right now," he said. "We haven't backed off at all from indoor season. The men are training well and are ready to compete. In past years, we haven't competed until the first week in April, so these meets give us an early start and let us know where we stand."

Neither of the meets will be



John Petrovic Chief Photographer

Junior Jason Greer jumps over a hurdle in practice on Wednesday. The men's and women's track team will take on their first competition of the season Thursday at the Emporia State Twilight meet. The teams will also compete at Texas Pan-America University in Edinburg, Texas on Wednesday as part of their spring break trip.

scored, so no team rank will be earned, and both coaches said that may change their approach, especially at the Texas meet. Alsup said some of the men may run events they don't usually run just to try them out and make them stronger.

MIAA men's, women's teams place in Final Four

Two teams representing the MIAA advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament Wednesday night.

The Truman State University men's basketball team (26-6, 13-4), which beat Northwest in the MIAA Postseason Tournament championship, extended its winning streak to 15 games with a 106-101 victory over College of St. Rose (N.Y.) at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Ken. It took the Bulldogs three overtimes to get past St. Rose.

With the victory, the Bulldogs move on to the Final Four and will meet Metropolitan State (Colo.) at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The Elite Eight appearance was the first for Truman State since the 1959-60 season when the Bulldogs fell to Cornell (Iowa), 83-81.

The Bulldogs opened the tournament by eliminating MIAA-foe Missouri Western State College, 82-69, on March 4, and followed it by knocking out Lone Star Conference champion and host Midwestern State, 81-68, in the

semifinal on March 5.

The Emporia State University women's basketball team (23-9, 15-1) made its second trip to the Elite Eight in as many seasons and dispatched Bentley (Mass.), 99-72, at the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Convention Center.

The Hornets, last season's national runner-up, will now have an opportunity to avenge last season's only loss in the Final Four, against defending champion University of North Dakota. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. Thursday.

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Experience to lead Spoofhound baseball

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

With temperatures increasing and spring fast approaching, the Maryville High School baseball team is having its first opportunities to practice for what could be strong a season.

Maryville has 38 players contributing after finishing with an 11-7 record last year.

The number of returning upper classmen has head coach Brian Lohafer looking forward to the season because of the amount of playing time the players saw last year.

"I am very optimistic about the season because it can be strong or stronger from last season due to the senior leadership coming back," Lohafer said.

Practices have been inside because of the weather, but the team is working hard to get in shape for the season, Lohafer said.

"Right now we are doing the fundamentals in the gym due to the weather, but we did do some practice outside two days last week," he said. "Even though we haven't had that much practice outside the team looked good."

The Spoofhounds have three returning All-Midland Empire Conference selections with All-Conference senior pitcher Chad Pederson, All-Conference senior second baseman D.J. Merrill and honorable mention



The 'Hounds' baseball team takes batting practice Wednesday. The team has been practicing since the beginning of March and will kick their season off on March 23.

senior catcher Russ Wiederholt.

Even with the loss of pitcher Grant Sutton to graduation, the pitching staff, which returns five players who were in the rotation last year, looks to be the strongest part of the team, Lohafer said.

"Pederson will return as the ace pitcher for us with juniors Justin Deshon, Heath Reynolds and seniors Ryan Morley and Wiederholt in as the possible rotation," Lohafer said.

After posting a 6-2 record and a 3.02 ERA last year, Pederson is looking forward to improving on his pitching and hitting to help Maryville have a impressive season.

"We have a lot of talent on this year's team, which should help us compete strongly for districts," Pederson said. "I would like to become an All-District and State pitcher, but to do that I am going to be a team player in pitching as good as I possibly can."

'Hounds' baseball

March 23	Lafayette
March 25	Benton
March 29	West Platte
April 1	Lafayette
April 6	Savannah
April 8	Cameron
April 13	LeBlond
April 15	Savannah
April 19-22	Pony Express Tour
April 26	Chillicothe
April 27	LeBlond
April 29	Benton
May 3	St. Plus X
May 4	Chillicothe
May 6	Smithville
May 10	Mid-Buchanan
May 11	Platte County
May 17-21	District Tour
May 27	Sectionals
May 29	Quarterfinals
June 4-5	Semi-finals
*Home games in bold	

The outfield for the 'Hounds' remains intact from last year with starters coming back such as senior left fielder John Edmonds, center fielders Morley and junior Brandon Smith and right fielders Reynolds and senior Chris Phillips.

The 'Hounds' also have experienced catchers coming back this year with Wiederholt and sophomore Mitch Herring looking to throw out potential base stealers.

There is a lot of excitement about

the thoughts of having another successful season with the team returning many key players, Wiederholt said.

"With the amount of returning players this year we are going to have to stay focused to do well because we had trouble hitting at times last year," he said. "I will also have the opportunity of playing quite a bit of first base this year, which excites me because I want to help the team as much as I can."

There is not going to be much competition at second base with Merrill's athleticism, Lohafer said.

"D.J. was our leadoff hitter last season or batted second occasionally," he said. "With a .392 batting average and team leading 22 stolen bases he figures to keep his spot."

Shortstop was an area of concern last year for the 'Hounds, but senior Nick Glasnapp has shown good range and ample arm strength to return to playing the position again this year, Lohafer said.

"Nick is a natural leader for our team and is a very heady baseball player," he said.

The position experiencing the most difficulties is third base since last year's starter graduated, Lohafer said. Two sophomores, Steve Morrison and Brent Devers are battling for the starting position.

Maryville's opener is scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at home against Lafayette.

TIME OUT Undergogs challenge high seeds



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Heartbreak.

Pure and utter heartbreak.

That's the only way to describe my feelings after two overtime games this weekend.

My favorite team, the Kansas Jayhawks lost 92-88 to the Kentucky Wildcats Sunday in overtime. And the worst part is

that with 12 seconds left in regulation, KU could have won it.

Senior Ryan Robertson contributed 31 points, including four three-pointers and 13 free throws to the effort, but it may be the one shot he didn't take that people will remember.

Robertson had the ball and chucked it inside to Kenny Gregory, who took the last shot of regulation that could have won it for KU.

Granted, Robertson, one of the team's few seniors, was double-teamed. But what if he had taken that shot? Would the Jayhawks be in the Sweet 16? Only God knows. What a way to end your career.

Freshman Jeff Boschee also stepped up for KU. The Big 12 freshman of the year came through with heart to knock in six three-pointers, despite making just two of 10 shots to open the game. He has a great career ahead of him. I look forward to the things this kid can bring.

On another tournament note, regardless of what you say, you all know that you cheered for the Cinderella teams this weekend during the NCAA tournament. When No. 14 Weber State took No. 6 Florida into overtime, I bet every single one of you was rooting them on, no matter how bad it screwed up your bracket in the pool you entered at work.

But it's not as if it would have messed your bracket up with all the other upsets that went on.

Florida, for instance, plays No. 10 Gonzaga in the Sweet 16. If you had told me that they, and four other 10 seed or below teams would be in the Sweet 16, I would have laughed at you. But it happened, and No. 12 Southwest Missouri State, which is now in their first third round showing ever, No. 10 Purdue, No. 13 Oklahoma and No. 10 Miami-Ohio all made the cut.

And five more low seed teams, No. 10 Creighton, No. 12 Detroit, No. 9 Oklahoma State, No. 9 Tulsa and No. 9 Ole Miss all made it to the second round before losing.

It will be an interesting rest of the tournament. Who knows what could happen next? Could Southwest Missouri challenge No. 1 seed Duke? Not likely, but Cinderella teams in this tourney have been unpredictable.

Finally, in Northwest news, we all hope athletic director Jim Redd and his associates picked the right person for the job of women's soccer coach, as it seems they have. Joann Wolf was named the new women's soccer coach on Monday. Wolf has a history of starting soccer programs from scratch and says she looks for Northwest to start out strong. Only time will tell.

Have a great spring break!

Wendy Broker is the assistant sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.

Linksters aim for MEC title

by Brandon Stanley
Contributing Reporter

High expectations are the theme for the Maryville boys' golf team as they tee off the new season March 30.

After an 11-3 record last year, the team is hoping to top its third-place finish in the Midland Empire Conference this year.

"Practice right now has been very exciting," head coach Pat Turner said. "I think we will do very well. As always, I have high hopes."

One reason the season is looking bright for the 'Hounds is sophomore Matt Van Cleave, who qualified for state last year.

"I am looking forward to competing for a conference title," said Van Cleave. "Qualifying for State would also be a good accomplishment. A state championship is our ultimate goal. Individually, I am looking forward to another shot at the tournament."

Developing talent will be the highlight for the Spoofhounds, as the new season gets underway at the Savannah Tournament.

"Compared to last year, we are a pretty young team," said Van Cleave. "Our top five varsity players will rotate to let some of the younger players improve."

"There will be a pretty big difference in the way our team looks. But, our returning players will have the experience."

The team will have a new look to its top five varsity squad, as two freshman, Brian Prokes and Trent Twaddle, join the team.

Joining the newcomers will be sophomore Nick Thompson and senior Dan Billings.

"With the younger kids only practicing right now, it will be hard to see how they adjust," said Turner. "The more experienced players will have to help them out."

In order to be competitive, the upperclassman are working to get

'Hounds' golf

March 30	Savannah Tour
April 1	Lafayette
April 6	LeBlond
April 8	Benton
April 12	Cameron/Chillicothe
April 13	Shenandoah
April 15	Platte County
April 20	Lafayette
April 22	Benton
April 26	Savannah
April 27	Maryville Tour
May 3	LeBlond
May 6	MEC-Chillicothe
May 7	Districts
May 7	Home meets in bold

the younger players prepared for the season and the tough opponents ahead.

"We will have to get the freshmen ready," said Van Cleave. "Its only a 16-match season, so we will be trying to get them some experience. They haven't had the opportunity to compete in high pressure situations like districts, where 18 holes decides your season."

Even though the team is young, they are expected to perform from the start.

"It will be new to them," said Van Cleave. "They will have to get ready to play, and get better as the season progresses."

While the Spoofhounds have benefitted from good weather to start this season, the team was plagued by rain last year.

The team opened its season last year with a meet against Savannah and lost by just three strokes, 166-163.

The team remained optimistic and was kept its sights set on state competition by taking triangular wins and a four-stroke victory over Benton. The 'Hounds also earned a 172-182 victory over MEC-rival Lafayette, but failed to make the state meet.



Sophomore Matt Van Cleave takes a swing during Maryville High School's practice on Monday at Mozingo. Van Cleave qualified for state last season while the Spoofhounds finished with an 11-3 mark as a team. The 'Hounds' season begins March 30.

Tracksters play host in opener

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

The season seems positive for the Maryville High school boys' and girls' track teams, who hope to defend their conference championships.

The boys team, which returns 12 lettermen from last year and finished second at districts, wants to pace itself in repeating as conference champions.

"It looks to be a good year," head coach Mike Thomson said. "We have a group of outstanding athletes, with most of them having competitive seasons last year, which are instrumental in wanting to repeat."

Even with the loss of five seniors to graduation there is strong competition for students who want the open spots, Thomson said.

"We are going to be stronger in the places where we need people to step in because there is a good determination from everybody to win," he said.

Things are looking good all around for the team because of the work being put in and the experience returning. Junior shot and discus thrower Dan McKim said.

"This should be a strong season because we are returning all the events of the team that qualified to state," McKim said. "I want to be apart of the team that makes it to state this year because of the way we work together as a team."

Having the experience of making

it to state last season as a first-year runner was reason enough for senior Nick Ferguson to participate again this year.

"We are just as good and maybe even better than last season with experienced people returning," Ferguson said. "The team looks real strong with everybody in good shape and we don't seem to be struggling that much so far."

The will to repeat as conference champions is driving the girls track team to work just as hard.

With 31 girls coming out this year head coach Jeff Martin is optimistic about how things will turn out this season, even though there are still some question marks in several events.

"It is early to tell on what will happen but we should be strong in several areas," Martin said. "We have a lot of openings right now and don't know who will fill them, but there will be some strong competition for them."

Losing four seniors to graduation hurt, but the team is returning individuals that performed well last year.

Like the boys, the girls want to do as well as they can, Juniors Meredith Wurm and Melissa Myers said.

"We are excited about the season this year because we have a bigger team and hope to become conference champs again, because everybody thought we couldn't do it last year," Wurm said.

"Last year I met my personal

'Hounds' track

March 30	Maryville
April 6	Nebraska City Invite
April 9	Chillicothe
April 13	Maryville Invite
April 15	Northwest Quad State
April 20	Home Relays
April 23	Maryville Invite
April 27	Maryville-Hodaway Co.
April 30	Lafayette Irish Relays
May 4	Savannah Relays
May 8	MEC-Chillicothe
May 11	Benton Invite
May 15	Districts-Kearney
May 22	Sectionals
May 26-29	State
*Home meets in bold	

goals, but I want to improve on those times this year and help the team improve in any way I can," Myers said.

Being the lone senior and having the determination to perform well this year is motivation enough senior Laurie Loch said.

"This is my senior year, and I want to be able to get past districts and make it to state," Loch said.

Teamwork will also be vital for the girls to do well if they want to repeat as conference champions, Myers said.

"We want to work together as a team this year because last year things weren't done by separate individuals, but by the whole team in general," she said.



Junior tennis player Yao-Chieh Young works on his serve during practice Tuesday. The Spoofhounds are hoping to improve on their second-place finish in districts last year and will open their season March 30.

'Hound netters look to improve

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Things are getting into full swing for the Maryville boys' tennis team, which looks to improve from last year's second-place finish in districts.

It will be a competitive year for the 'Hounds, who battle a tough conference and non-conference schedule, head coach P.K. Krokstrom said.

will be tough, as always, with strong teams," Krokstrom said. "There's not a weak team that we play. These are the strongest teams that we have had to compete against in a long time."

The 'Hounds have experienced players returning this year, starting with seniors Dino Groumoutis, Jeremy Gaa, Casey Headley and Dan Walter along with juniors Steve Townsend and Yao-Chieh Young, who look to handle the main six spots.

Maryville wants to continue its winning ways from last season even with the loss of three players to graduation, because of the team's capability to win, Headley said.

"There is a lot of potential on this team to go pretty far to make some noise in the conference," Headley said. "I want to be able to earn a good spot in the rotation and have a good record this year to help out the team."

The first match for the 'Hounds will be at 4 p.m. March 26 at the University tennis courts.

'Hounds' tennis

March 26	Savannah
April 1	Lafayette
April 6	LeBlond
April 8	Benton
April 12	Cameron
April 13	Shenandoah
April 15	St. Plus
April 20	Lafayette
April 22	Benton
April 26	Savannah
April 27	Clarinda
April 29	Savannah/Benton
May 3	LeBlond
May 6	MEC Championship
*Home matches in bold	

THE STROLLER

Stroller proposes possible parties



The Stroller
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St. Patrick's Day is just the beginning for Your Man

St. Patrick's Day — what is this day about? I mean, I love the Irish as much as the next guy. After all, they brought us Kathy Ireland and golf. But do we really need an Irish saint involved as an excuse to dump water out of a cement truck and start drinking at 8 in the morning? It seems like a stretch, but why not look for other secular holidays to blow out of proportion?

Go with me on this one. There's lots of potential reasons to act obnoxious, throw caution to the wind and take the day off.

Take Arbor Day, for example. Who doesn't love trees? C'mon, you know Earl May would leap at the chance to sponsor a parade. Eddie Albert could be grand marshal.

Take Your Daughter to Work Day just screams party. Let's not forget Canada's Boxing Day. Beer and bare-knuckle boxing at Lucky's — what do you think? And Columbus Day demands at least a three-day street carnival.

I guess it's the cynic in me, but take a long look at the nonsense we partake in every year. The world's shortest parade? There's a beer truck, a cement truck and a collection of random people in the back of a convertible.

Apparently, these are the successful elements of a celebration.

I guess I've been looking at the backup on U.S. Highway 71 all wrong. Apparently this is fun. Call the Missouri Department of Transportation, they've got a regular amusement park on their hands.

I think my favorite part of the day comes after the parade. That's when all the 19-year-olds in town think they can mill around with the crowd in the street and they'll blend right in. There's this notion that if they're holding a beer in a crowd of people, they're safe.

Then, when finally caught by a liquor inspector, they start this lame blithering, thinking they can actually befriend the 40-year-old state official who gets vomited on for a living. Just surrender and shut up.

There isn't an excuse invented that they haven't heard concerning your identification, Billy. See ya on the other side.

Next week is, of course, spring break. This is potentially the most shining example of

the ignorance of youth. I'm not talking about the parties or the drinking. No, I'm speaking of the inevitable news story we hear every year. A group of idiot rich kids are on their way to some island location, when suddenly they realize their flight has been canceled until mid-week. The news covers it like it's a tragic travel scam. How could they leave these poor kids stranded after they paid so much money? People, wake up. You booked your travel arrangements through Big Al's Fiesta-Del-Cha-Cha Travel and Tatoo Shop. Didn't it strike you as slightly odd that you'd get a round trip ticket, and a week's reservations in a beach front hotel for just \$19.95 and a major credit card number? It's these morons who keep the American Embassy offices of the world busy.

Spring break is a rich kid's sandbox. I love the question, "So, where are you going for spring break?" Well, I have \$200 to last me until May, so it looks like Perkins in St. Joseph if I'm lucky.

Nine times out of 10, the only people concerned with your plans are those that want you to reciprocate by asking, "How 'bout you?"

After sneering at your uneventful plans as though they smelled something spoiled, they begin to rattle off their itinerary for their fun-filled, half-naked, seven day, six night, binge-drinking, lust-fest in sunny _____. (Fill in the exotic bragging location of your choice here.)

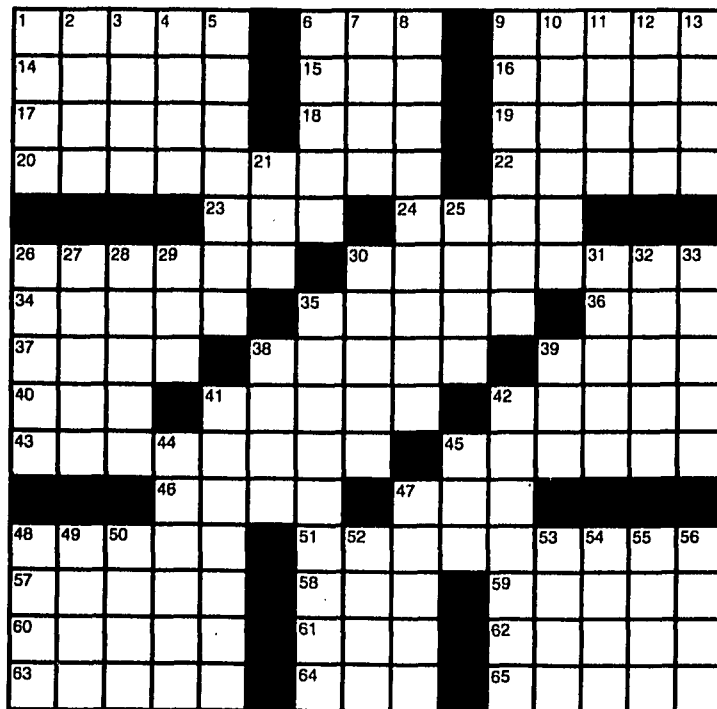
Then the next week is filled with "wacky" stories of one-nighters, nights in a Mexican prison, and "how drunk so-and-so got the night we played 'I never' on the beach." Guess what? I don't care much for you to begin with, so you can imagine how I feel about your drunken night of ecstasy with a cabana boy named Jesus.

As for me, I'll enjoy my spring break right here in Maryville. After all, Flag Day is closer than you think and somebody's going to have to plan the parade. I wonder if my uncle Tom's Winnebago is available?

Be safe, friends.

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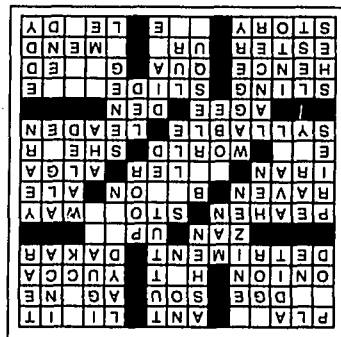
ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. A tartan pattern
6. A colonist
9. Legal
14. Long hill
15. Old French coin
16. Not here
17. Aromatic plant
18. Rough house
19. Agave plant
20. Causing harm
22. Capital of Senegal
23. Group of Japanese volcanic peaks
24. Atop
26. A female fowl
30. Take a boat trip without a ticket
34. What said "Nevermore"
35. It's twirled a lot
36. Pub brew
37. Neighbor of Jordan
38. Measuring tool
39. Seaweed
40. Male given name
41. Earth
42. Fleece
43. A unit of spoken language
45. Sluggish
46. Author James
47. Bear's home
48. Singapore
51. Computers have superceded these
57. Therefore
58. In the capacity of
59. Stabbed
60. Suffix for poly
61. Holder of ashes
62. Revise
63. Tale
64. Carbamide
65. Like a contaminant

DOWN

1. Encourage
2. Drop me a _____
3. Entrance
4. Dr. Frankenstein's aide
5. Inhabitant
6. Pale
7. A word used to denote something
8. Said it didn't matter
9. "Now I _____ me to sleep"
10. "Night of the _____"
11. _____ of the walk
12. Indian from Peru
13. Rend
21. Homo sapiens
25. Needy
26. Noses into
27. The bird that gets the worm
28. To assist
29. Egg producer
30. A French room
31. Welled
32. Aquatic plants
33. Acne
35. Where there was many a "top banana"
38. An outer garment
39. "I caught you!"
41. Drillery
42. African nation
44. An armed cavalryman
45. Display on some clocks
47. _____ Keaton
48. Mates of hes
49. For fear that
50. To the inside of
52. Ambush
53. Harold Jacob
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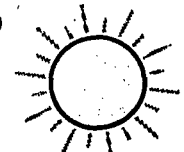
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WEEKEND WEATHER WATCH

Friday, March 19
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High of 50°
Low of 29°



Saturday, March 20
Sunny
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Low of 30°



Sunday, March 21
Partly Cloudy
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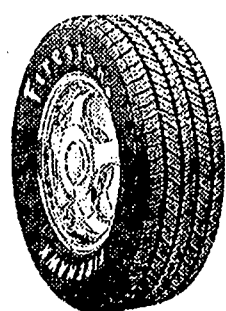
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